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Fate Of Paris Hanging In The Balance GERMAN ADVANCE CREEPING ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE FRENCH ARE NOW CEASELESSLY COUNTER-ATTACKING AT THE POINTS OF GREATEST MENACE TO PARIS IN AN EFFORT TO STEM THE CREEPING, BUT PERSISTENT GERMAN ADVANCE TOWARDS THE CAPITAL.

Great masses of heavy tanks and fresh divisions have been thrown by the Germans into the crucial battle zones, but there is, in spite of the critical situation, a growing feeling that this is the last great effort the Germans are capable of making, and that if the French hold on for two or three more days, there will be another "Battle of the Marne."

It is pointed out in military quarters that the cost of the German offensive has been so high that the German Army must be half gone by the time the Battle of Paris is over, whether or not the objective is achieved.

The French fell back to the line of the Marne, on the east of Paris, yesterday morning after sanguinary fighting on the Vesle and Ourcq Rivers, but the position farther east

IF U.S.A. ENTERS WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Louisville (Kentucky), To-day. Any declaration of war by the United States against Germany should embody the intention to send troops to Europe, Mr. Tom Wallace, President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, declared here yesterday.

This statement follows a document published last Sunday by a group of prominent Americans, including educators, writers, businessmen and lawyers, advocating a declaration of war against Germany.—Havas.

U.S. TO REPRESENT ALLIES IN ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day. The United States will represent French and British interests in Italy. An accord is expected by which the United States will offer to protect French and British interests in all countries occupied by countries hostile to the Allies.—Havas.

TRADING PROHIBITED

Shanghai, To-day. British firms and subjects here are now prohibited from trading with Italian firms under the Trading with the Enemy Act.—Reuter.

has been well maintained, and in fighting round Attigny, German dead were heaped high in the field.

The gravest threat, however, is on the lines west of Paris, where the German advance has reached Vernon on the Seine, Beauvais and La Houssaye, but is meeting with a grimly determined defence. The French are counter-attacking repeatedly, hurling the invaders back despite the increasing use of smoke-screens both to cloak their movements and to escape the attention of R.A.F. and French bombers, whose energies are being concentrated on this area.

Sacrificial Losses

Aeroplanes and tanks are being thrown into the action in almost unbelievable quantities, with the German Command facing sacrificial losses in its effort to exploit the advantage gained by the advance to Rouen and the Seine valley.

The Military Governor of Paris is preparing the outer defences of the capital, indicating the official view that the situation is likely to get worse before it gets better.—Havas.

Paris In Pall Of Smoke

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. The smoke was so thick in Paris yesterday, as a result of the fires started outside the city by German incendiary bombs, that it was difficult at times to see more than a few feet ahead.

People were groping their way through the streets at mid-day in a manner reminiscent of the completest black-out.

It is estimated that more than a third of the population has evacuated.—Havas.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

CONTE VERDE AT SHANGHAI BUOY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The Lloyd Triestino luxury liner Conte Verde has moved from the wharf to a buoy in the middle of the river.

Meanwhile, British, French and Italian officials are reticent about the changed situation and are apparently awaiting instructions.

The French Consul issued a statement that there would be no change in the French attitude towards Italian residents in the French Concession who would be permitted to live normally, similar to German residents.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, showery.

BARRICADES IN PARIS SUBURBS

Paris, To-day. Although the Germans are still 25 miles from Paris, active measures for the defence of the capital are being taken. Evacuation is proceeding on an extended scale and barricades are being erected in streets in the northern and western suburbs.—Reuter.

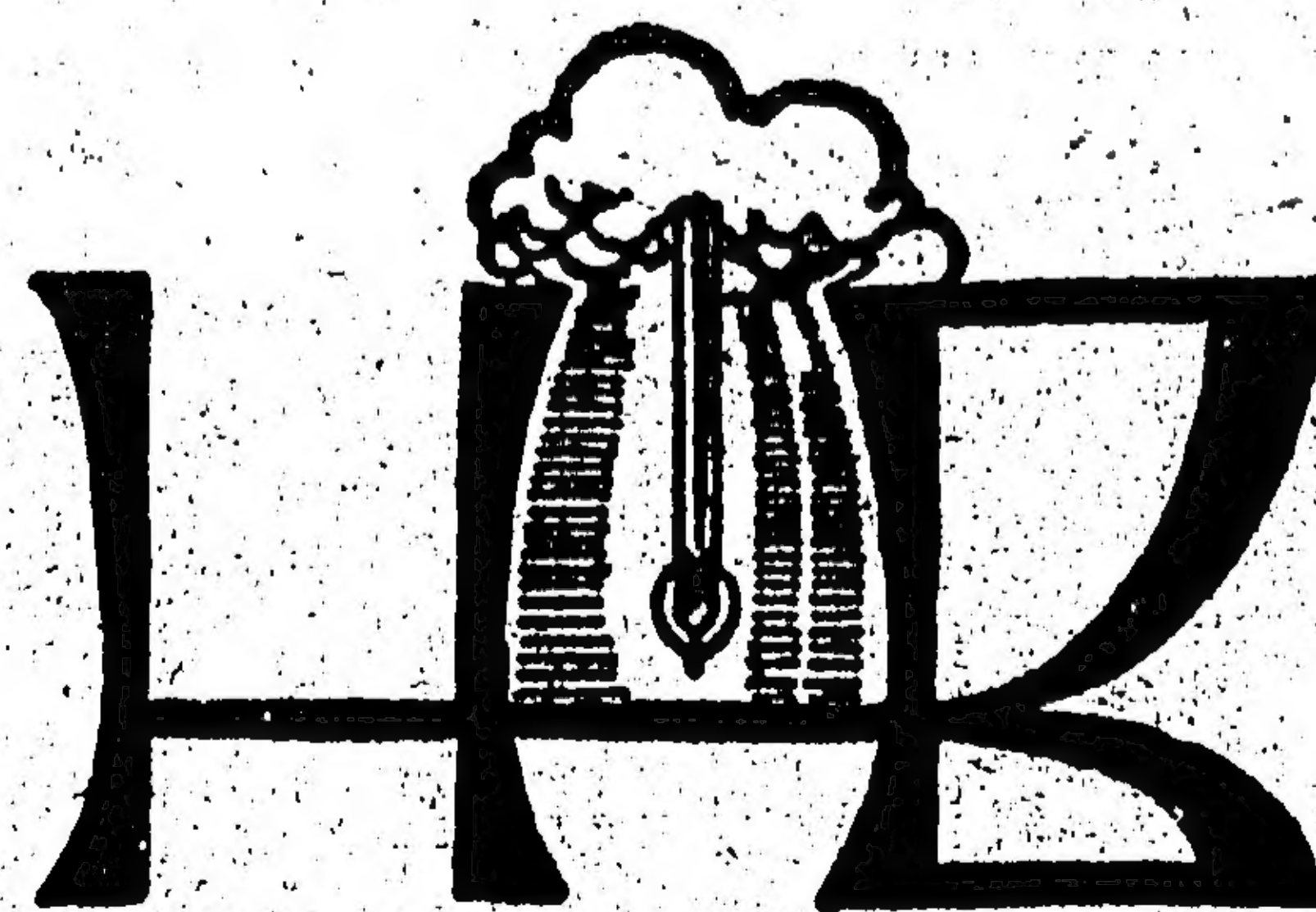
U.S. AID TO ALLIES

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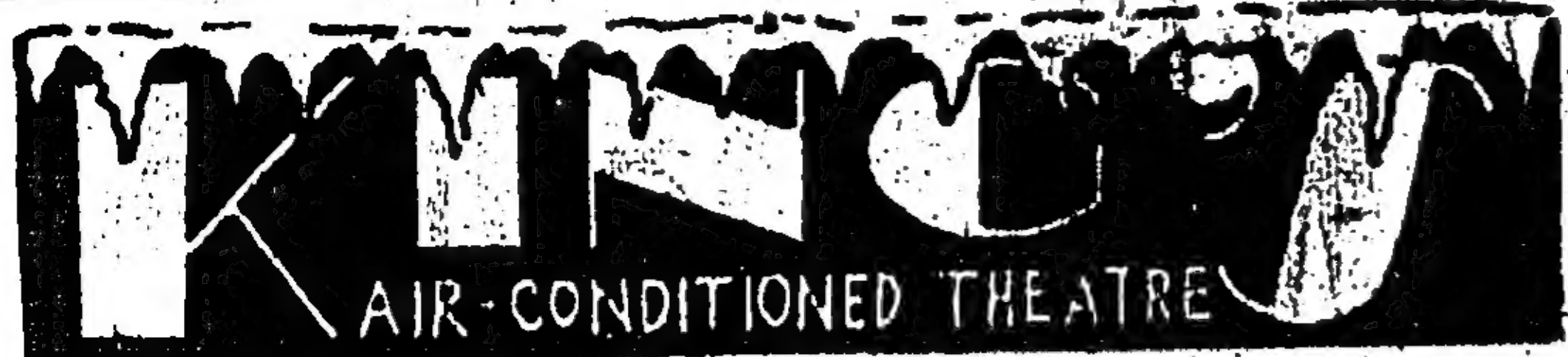
Washington, To-day. Legislation to extend the material resources of the United States to the Allies is now being drafted for submission to Congress.

It is understood that the legislation is being framed to permit the extension of credits and give free access to materials and equipment and even possibly surplus Federal food, for the use of French refugees.—Havas.

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STATEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL FROM NORWAY

London, To-day.

MAKING A STATEMENT on the war on behalf of the Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader of the House, said: "I rise to make a statement on recent happenings, in the absence of the Prime Minister.

"Because of the pressure of war on other fronts the Allied forces have been withdrawn from Norway. Norwegian forces in north Norway have laid down their arms in order to save Norwegian territory from further destruction by the Germans, and to watch over Norwegian interests during the war the Norwegian King and Government have left Norway and have come to this country.

"It was with deep regret that His Majesty's Government were forced to take the decision to abandon the campaign in north Norway at a moment when, by a turn in our favour, Narvik had fallen into our hands.

"The campaign has been bravely fought by the combined Allied forces under arduous conditions, and has succeeded during the past two months in retaining vastly superior forces away from the decisive theatre of war.

"The time had come when it was clear that all available forces at the Allies' disposal must be employed on the main front, where the issue of the war and the fate of Norway and all other Democratic countries must be decided.

Hard Decision

"It was a hard decision for the Norwegian King and Government to make, to leave their own country. They had held out for two months against the full weight of the German forces and were undefeated at the end. (Cheers).

"Throughout this time the example of the King has been the mainstay

of Norwegian resistance.

"The Norwegians have decided to continue the struggle against Germany on other fronts. The Norwegian Government made this clear in their proclamation on June 11, and the Norwegian Government will now use all their resources to help the Allies in the war against Germany.

"This decision, for which the Allied Governments are deeply grateful, is evidence of the conviction of the Norwegian people that their only hope for the future lies in an Allied victory, and that the Allied cause, with which they are now more than ever identified, will be sure to prevail. — Reuter.

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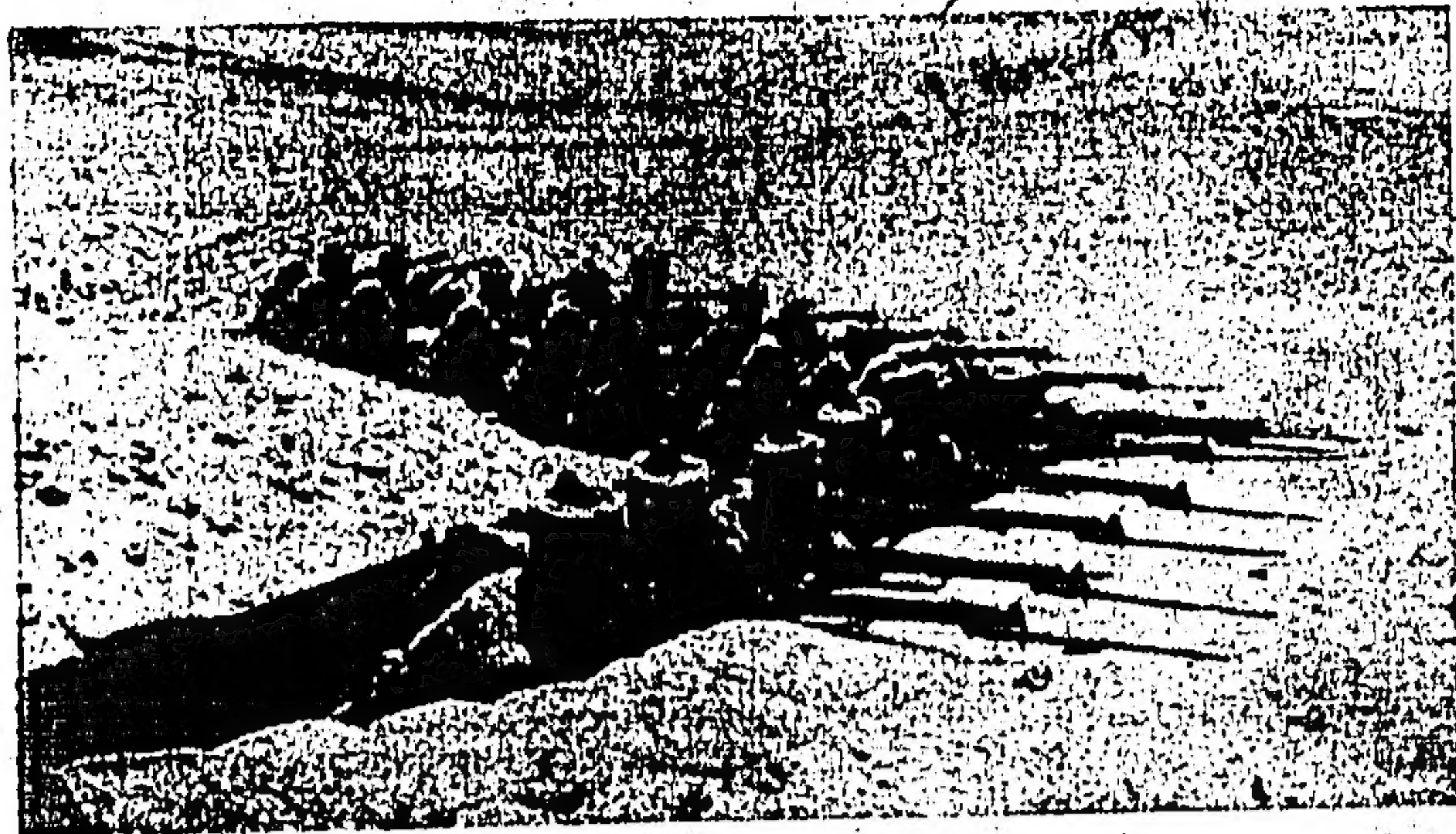
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Many Indian regiments have been in training in the desert, trench digging, erecting barbed entanglements, using the Bren Gun and Carriers. In all branches of warfare they have proved to be highly efficient. Photo shows Punjab troops in a firing trench. (Copyright, Fox).

NAZI ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA IN UKRAINE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cernauti (Rumania), To-day.

INTENSE NAZI propaganda among the Ukrainian minority in Bukovina directed against Soviet Russia is becoming evident, it is authoritatively reported here. The fact is believed here to have contributed heavily to the recent Soviet disquiet resulting in various moves by Russia to strengthen her position against a possible German attack along the Russian frontier from the Baltic states to Rumania.

Nazi propaganda here has been presenting the Reich as the protector of the Ukraine, stressing the "atrocities" committed by the Soviet against Ukrainians in Polish Galicia.

The campaign is invoking old slogans used in the Nazi press before Hitler and Stalin made up their quarrel.

Photographs are published showing the alleged Semitic traits in the faces of Soviet leaders.

An attempt is being made to persuade the population that a German victory is in the offing and that the Reich will deliver the Ukraine from the Soviet and turn over to it the territory "torn from Poland by the Soviet Government."—Havas.

IL DUCE DECIDED WEEKS AGO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

French observers are convinced Mussolini reached his decision to declare war against the Allies several weeks ago.

The day after Germany invaded Belgium and Holland, Pietro Marchi, head of the economic welfare bureau of the Italian Foreign Office, charged in the Senate that the Allied blockade measures were directed against Italian interests and constituted a violation of international conventions.

At the time, Britain and France offered to negotiate with Italy in order to smooth out the difficulties.

The Italian experts reached an agreement with the Allies but the Fascist press then intensified its demands for territorial concessions in the Mediterranean. The Allies again offered to negotiate but Rome flatly rejected the offer.

This is considered proof that Mussolini was opposed to any kind of settlement because he had already made up his mind to declare war against the Allies at an opportune moment. —Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan and is relatively low over Manchuria and between the Philippines and the Carolines. The depression over Tongking is increasing in intensity.

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FORD TO BEGIN PLANE MASS PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

MR. EDESEL FORD, PRESIDENT OF FORD MOTORS, STATES THE FIRM'S ENGINEERS HAVE INSPECTED THE U.S. ARMY'S P40 PURSUIT PLANE AND FOUND IT SUITABLE FOR MASS PRODUCTION.

The company was ready to begin whenever contracts were received.

The company previously had stated that within six months they could produce 1,000 planes daily.

Similar models to the P40 are already in service with the French Army. —Reuter.

NEWSPAPERS OFFER BOMBERS

London, To-day.

The Jamaica newspaper "Gleaner" and the Singapore paper "Straits Times" have each offered £20,000 to Great Britain for the construction of a bomber. The gifts have been most gratefully received. —Reuter.

MOSCOW SENDS PLANE FOR SIR STAFFORD

Sofia, To-day.

Sir Stafford Cripps, newly-appointed British Ambassador to Moscow, left Sofia yesterday for Moscow in a Soviet plane. —Reuter.

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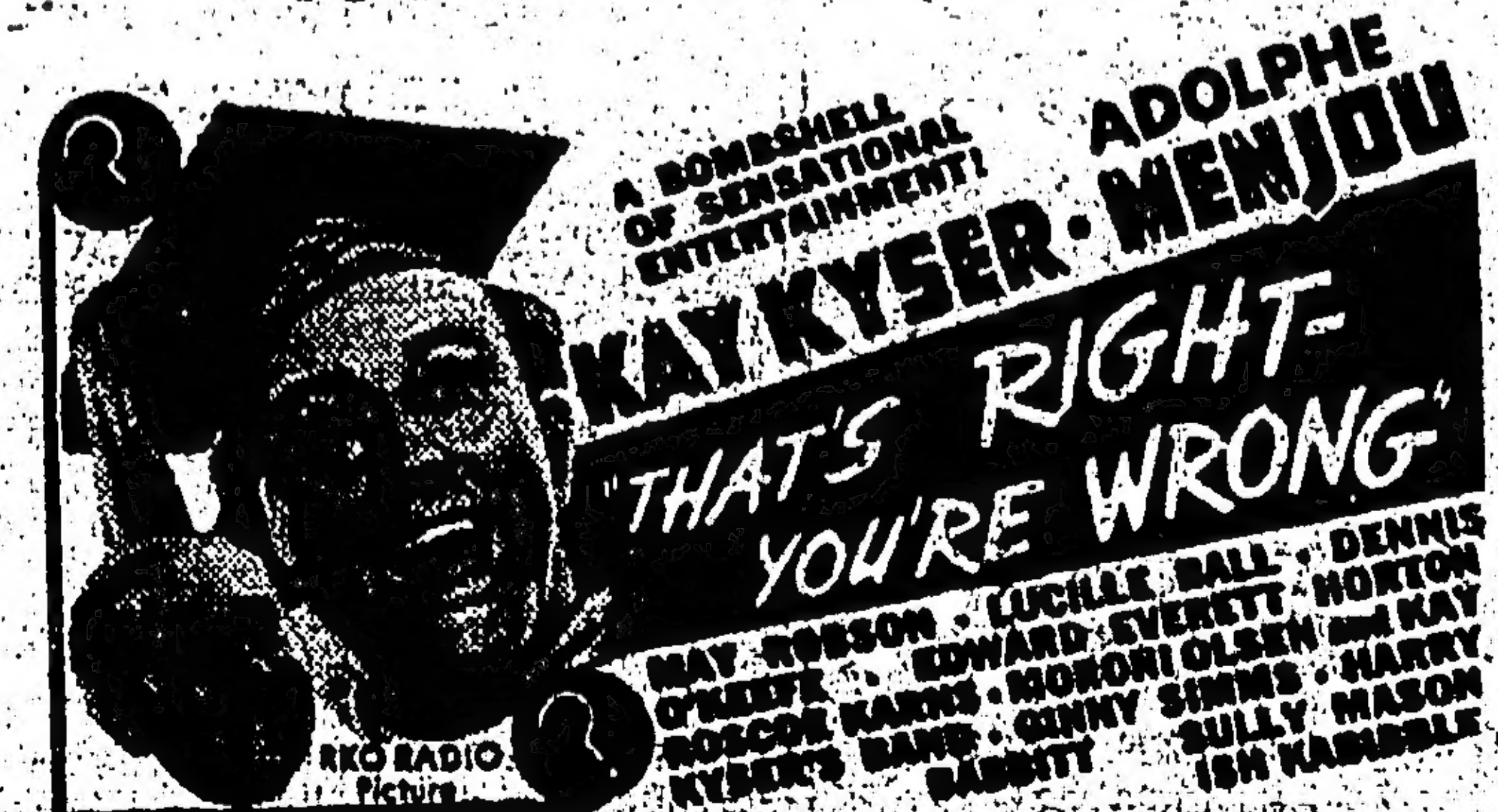
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GARBO laughs in Lubitsch's "NINOTCHKA"

ITALY MORE DANGEROUS BY AIR AND SEA THAN ON LAND

London, To-day.

REUTER'S MILITARY correspondent says that with Italy as an ally the dangers confronting the Allies are more by sea and air than on land. Italy's 100 submarines can operate from bases close to the traffic routes and the danger is greatest between France and her African colonies.

Shorebased aircraft can also operate almost anywhere in the Mediterranean and the Italians are known to have established many secret aerodromes in the Aegean, Sicily, Pantellaria and Tobruk (Libya).

Ever since the Italian invasion of Abyssinia, the Allied defences have been growing rapidly.

Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus have been intensively fortified while the French ports of Oran and Algiers are strong naval and submarine bases.

Hunt For Submarines

Allied destroyer flotillas are in a position to begin an unremitting hunt for Italian submarines. The Allied battle fleet is more than double the Italian.

Italy may try to sever the Mediterranean routes from west to east, or the island of Leros may be used for raiding, as it is only 60 miles from the Egyptian frontier, but Allied plans have been prepared for every contingency.—Reuter.

THE REPLY TO DIVE BOMBERS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

HERE ARE SOME ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY:—

War Office advisers are taking steps for dealing with attacks by dive bombers.

The British fiduciary note issue was increased by £50,000,000 to £630,000,000 yesterday.

The retail price of milk will be increased by 4d. a gallon from July 1. It is hoped that by then it will be possible for children and nursing mothers to have a pint a day for 2d; householders who cannot afford it will be supplied free.—Reuter.

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NATIONAL SAVINGS APPEAL

London, To-day.

In the course of a broadcast appeal for national savings, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, said: "As a Socialist I feel now is the chance of saying to Mussolini 'We work, fight, save and give to avenge the death of our great comrade, Matteotti, whom you brutally murdered'."

It is worthy of note that Italy's declaration of war coincided with the 16th anniversary of the Fascists' assassination of Matteotti.—Reuter.

REWARD OFFERED TO AIRMEN

Panama, To-day.

The newspaper "Panama American" says that Bruno and Vittorio Mussolini boasted that the bombing of defenceless Negroes in Ethiopia was "great sport."

It declares that "Cobber" Kain, the New Zealander who was recently killed in France, would have disposed of both of them before breakfast.

In Cobber's memory the newspaper is opening a fund for the first British or French airman to shoot down one of Mussolini's sons, thus bringing the war directly into the Duce's house. It adds that contributions to the fund are coming in freely.—Reuter.

NOT WITHOUT BLOODSHED!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROME, TO-DAY.

"WE WILL WIN BECAUSE IL DUCE LEADS US TO VICTORY," SAYS THE PAPER "MESSAGERO," AFTER WARNING ITALIANS OF A LONG AND DIFFICULT TASK AHEAD.

The war will end with the defeat of the democracies, says the paper, and Italy will gain full independence of the seas.

The paper stresses that the victory will not be without bloodshed, for Italy has entered the war at a time when the Allied forces in the Mediterranean are still intact.—Hayas.

Tam Fuk-wah, 62, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital when bitten by a dog at Shauiwan yesterday. The dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

NEW BOMB SIGHT FOR THE ALLIES

Washington, To-day.

It is being suggested here that President Roosevelt's plan to give all help to the Allies means the Allies will probably be granted America's most jealously guarded secret — the new bomb sight.

United States airmen declare that with this sight they can "hit a pickle barrel at 10,000 feet."

American circles say the secret would be safe in Allied hands because if the sight fell into German hands it would take 18 months to make the delicate machinework with which it is constructed.

There is, however, a mechanism by which the sight can be blown to bits in certain circumstances.—Reuter.

BIG ROUND UP IN CAIRO

CAIRO, TO-DAY.

SLEEPING ITS FIRST NIGHT UNDER THE SHADOW OF WAR, CAIRO SPRANG TO LIFE AT 2 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING WHEN MOTORISED COLUMNS OF EGYPTIAN TROOPS, TANKS AND COMMANDEERED TAXIS DEBOUCHED FROM POLICE BATTLE HEADQUARTERS IN THE CENTRE OF CAIRO FOR A ROUND-UP OF LEADING FASCISTS.

After a search for arms and documents Italians were interned in the former German school, where a number of Germans were already interned. The Egyptian authorities were careful not to allow Germans and Italians to meet.

While a strong police guard patrolled outside the Italian Legation and consulate, those within, including the Italian Minister, loudly celebrated Italy's entry into the war.

The Suez Canal has already become a deserted and silent waterway and only British warships patrolling the Mediterranean and the Red Sea will henceforth pass through.—Reuter.

WAR MEMORIES OF 25 YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail" files).

June 12, 1915.

Italian advance forces have gone beyond Montenegro. It is learned that the success of this operation was mainly due to the splendid achievements of the Alpini and Bersaglieri.

A French official communique reports fresh progress in the lower region of Buval, North Lorette, and also in the region of The Labyrinth.

Thick fog at present covers the sector north of Arras.

An Austrian claim that a British warship of the "Liverpool" class has been sunk in officially declared untrue in London. The ship, it is officially stated, worked in conjunction with Italian destroyers against the coast of Diano and returned with them to an Italian naval base at a speed of 17 knots.

Li Kam, 50, employee of the Hong Kong Gas Company, collapsed and died yesterday in the compound of No. 43A, Conduit Road, while inspecting a meter.

SEVERAL AIR RAIDS ON MALTA

London, To-day.

An official announcement says 10 hostile aeroplanes raided Malta early yesterday morning, and further raids followed.

Casualties were slight and little damage was done; one enemy plane was destroyed.—Reuter.

COMMONS ON IL DUCE'S LIABILITY

London, To-day.

Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith (Labour) made a brief comment after Mr. Attlee's statement on the war in the Commons yesterday to the effect that both the Western dictators had now thrown off their masks.

He added it was now clear to all men everywhere that on Britain and France depended the hopes of free men of every nation in the world.

Commander Locker-Lampson (Conservative) asked the Government to try and distinguish between Italians and Italians. He pointed out that the Pope stood for peace and was a figure they must reverence.

"We must also remember that King Victor Emmanuel stood for peace and we ought to distinguish between the King, with his real knowledge of the people, and Mussolini, the castor oil king of Italy."

Replying, Mr. Attlee said he thought he had made clear the distinction between the Italian people and Mussolini.

He added the First Lord of the Admiralty would give the House full information as soon as available of the naval action off the coast of Norway.—Reuter.

MADRID'S ATTITUDE

Madrid, To-day.

The newspapers "Ya" and "Ahc." both show where sympathies lie by defending Italy's entry into the war.

The Fascist paper "Arriva" says Spain, from her position as a non-belligerent, will continue to respect those "losing the fight," meaning the Allies, but the paper adds, she cannot conceal her joy and sympathy for the great nations who were her friends in the Civil War.

This is the first time any newspaper has gone so far as to call the strict neutrality enjoined by General Franco, non-belligerency, but it must not be interpreted as having any official significance.—Reuter.

WAR PRECAUTIONS INCREASED

London, To-day.

An indication of how much reliance they are putting on Italy's promise to leave them alone is shown by the fact that Switzerland and Egypt are now fully mobilised. Yugoslavia has called more troops to the Colours, Turkey is expected to order partial mobilization at any moment, Greece has taken naval and military precautions and Rumania reports she is ready to defend her independence and neutrality.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Raids In Libya And East Africa BRITAIN GETS BLOW IN FIRST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

ITALY'S ENTRY INTO THE WAR HAS NOT YET AFFECTED FRANCE, FOR THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGN OF THE NEW ENEMY BY LAND, SEA OR AIR.

Malta, according to reports from Valetta, was bombed several times yesterday, but the populace maintained an admirable calm, casualties were few and damage slight.

The only really dramatic stroke of the new campaign which has opened was delivered by the Near East Command of the Royal Air Force, which carried out extensive bombing raids into Libya and Italian East Africa, concentrating their attack on enemy aerodromes.

Cairo reports state that the Italians appear to have been taken completely by surprise, for at only one point during the series of raids was any serious resistance offered.

Some hundreds of machines were engaged in the whole operations, and only three failed to return.

The R.A.F. reports that Italian troop concentrations were bombed and scattered and that the main Italian air bases lost hangars and petrol stores.

Another British coup was the capture of an Italian ship in the Red Sea which was loaded with ammunition for Massawa, including 5,000 aerial bombs.—Havas.

Abyssinia Moves

Djibouti, To-day.

Bridges on the border between French Somaliland and Abyssinia have been destroyed.

The French armed forces are in excellent spirit.

It is learned that the Italians have executed Ras Hallu, wealthy chieftain who co-operated with the Italians during the Abyssinian war. Fiturari Birru has been appointed chief of the Abyssinian forces in Kenya under the Abyssinian Imperial flag.—Reuter.

Petrol Dumps Ablaze

Cairo, To-day.

R.A.F. planes bombed enemy concentrations and aerodromes in East Libya and Italian East Africa yesterday.

Aircraft were destroyed, fires started and petrol dumps set ablaze. Three British aircraft have not returned.—Reuter.

More Ships Captured

Durban, To-day.

The Italian steamers Gerusalemme (8,052 tons) and Timavo (7,649 tons) were beached by their crews here yesterday.

The former vessel was grounded after being sighted by an armed merchant cruiser near Cape Oro. The Timavo was overtaken by a South African Air Force plane at Cape Vidal.—Reuter.

"Remo" Seized At Freemantle

Melbourne, To-day.

The Italian motorship Remo (9,780 tons) was seized at Freemantle yesterday.—Reuter.

Gibraltar Incident

Gibraltar, To-day.

It is officially stated that six Italian ships attempted to scuttle themselves in the harbour shortly after Italy's declaration of war. Prompt action was taken by naval parties and

dockyard tugs. The ships were successfully beached; one remained afloat undamaged.—Reuter.

Capetown, To-day.

The Union defence authorities have seized the Italian steamer Sistiana (5,827 tons), lying in Table Bay.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Communique

Cairo, To-day.

An R.A.F. communique states that bombing attacks were carried out by the R.A.F. yesterday on nine enemy concentrations in East Libya and Italian East Africa.

Aerodromes attacked in East Libya were the principal Italian air bases threatening Egypt and the western desert. Aircraft were destroyed, fires started and petrol dumps set

SOVIET EMBASSY HIT BY JAP. BOMB

Chungking, To-day.

The Soviet Embassy was hit by a bomb and the office of the German Trans-Ocean news agency was also hit and completely gutted during the Japanese air raid on Chungking yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF MALTA RESIGNS

Malta, To-day.

Sir Arturo Mercieca, Chief Justice and President of the Court of Appeal, has resigned. The resignation was invited by the Government on the grounds of his alleged pro-Italian leanings.—Reuter.

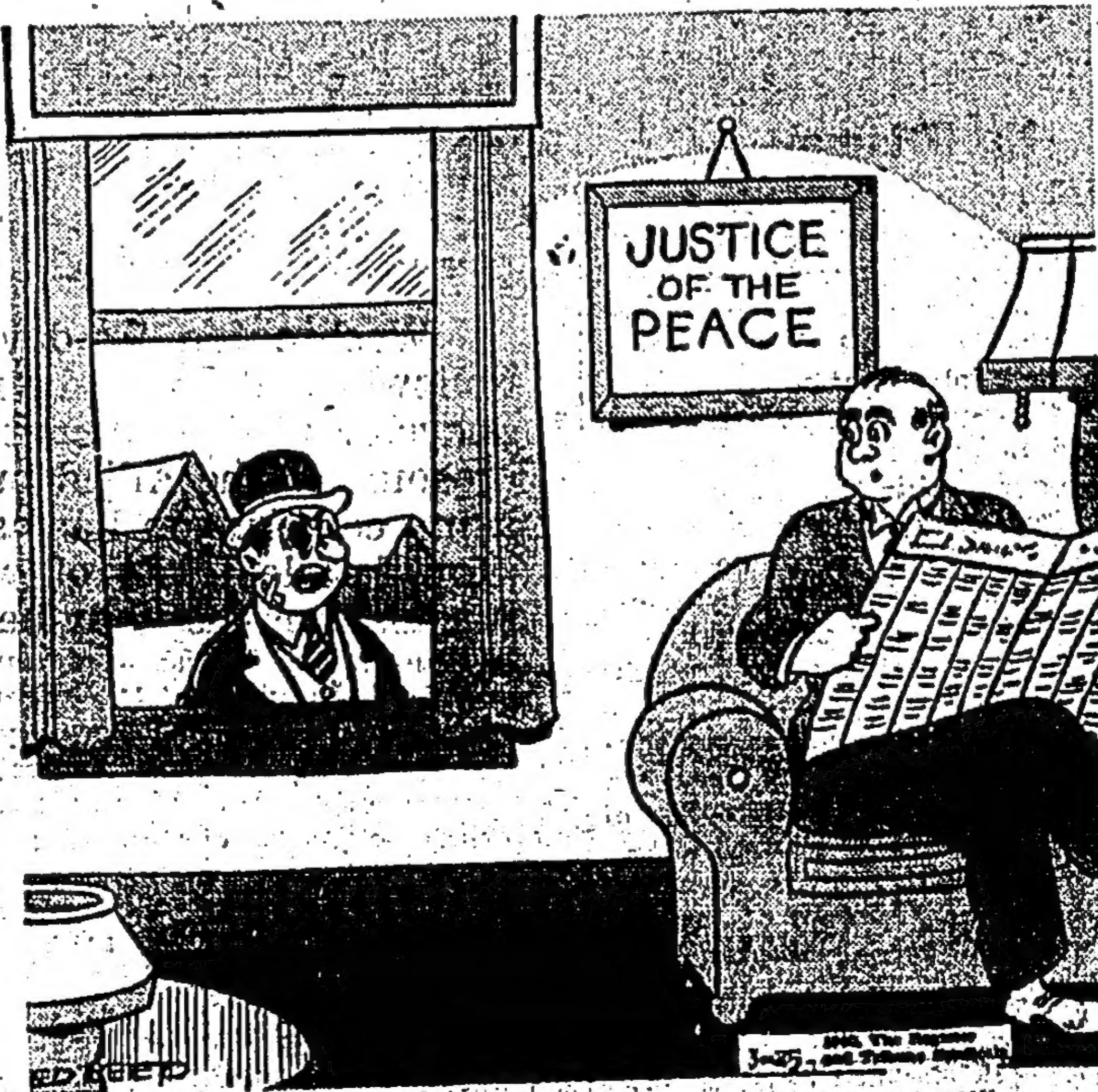
ablaze. In Italian East Africa, aircraft and hangars were attacked at aerodromes at Asmara. Several direct hits were obtained on hangars.

These aerodromes were the main Italian air bases threatening our Red Sea communications.

Three of our aircraft are missing. During their attacks on East Libya our aircraft encountered anti-aircraft fire and were unsuccessfully intercepted by Italian fighters.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

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M.T.B. ATTACK ON CONVOY

London, To-day.

An Admiralty communique states: "The German official news agency report that 'violent' encounters took place last night off the East Coast of England between German motor torpedo boats and British destroyers' presumably refers to an attempt by enemy motor torpedo boats on a British convoy during Sunday night.

"Such an attack did take place but the convoy and its escort proceeded unharmed. It is not known whether damage was inflicted on the enemy.

"No encounters took place last night between our forces and enemy motor torpedo boats."—Reuter.

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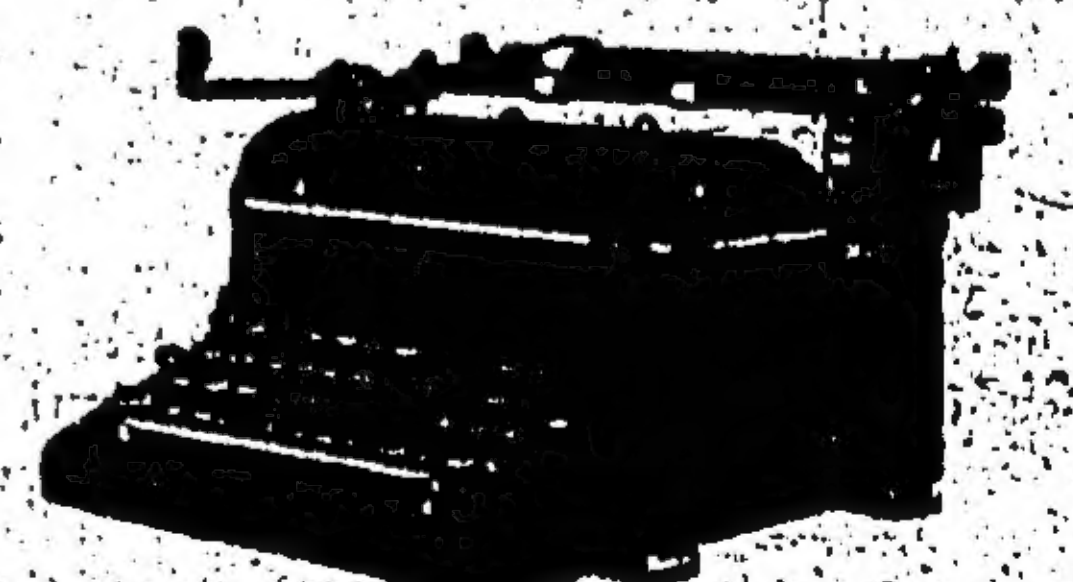
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LONDON, TO-DAY.

DEPUTISING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, DECLARED: "AS THE HOUSE KNOWS, ITALY DECLARED WAR ON BRITAIN AND FRANCE THIS MORNING."

"Hardly ever before in history can the decision to embroil a great nation in war have been taken so wantonly and with so little excuse."

"There is no quarrel between the Italians and the British and French peoples. Since we became a nation we have never fought the Italians."

"On the other hand, when Italy, so long divided and to a great extent enslaved by the Germans, sought in the 19th century to become a united nation, it was British sympathy and help and French arms that enabled her to attain her desires."

"Britain and France have always been prepared to consider any real grievances Italy might feel and right up to this declaration of war have sought in every way to prevent the war spreading to the Mediterranean. They have been patient under every kind of provocation and abuse."

"Why then has Italy declared war?"

"I say for completely sordid and material motives, because Mussolini thinks he sees a chance of securing some of the spoils at the expense of the Western Democracies, now they are at grips with the brute forces of Germany."

Argument Of Jackal

"Mussolini uses the argument of a jackal which fancies the possibility of getting some scraps from another beast's kill."

"He puts forward the argument of a petty sneak thief who hopes to rifle the pockets of the murderer's victim."

"This is the ignoble role that Mussolini has chosen for the great Italian people which has made such a splendid contribution to European civilisation in the past."

"False to the finest traditions, false to the heritage of culture of the Renaissance and betraying the men of the risorgimento who struggled for freedom, Mazzini, Garibaldi, Victor Emmanuel and Cavour, men who made Italy a free nation, the Italians are now to aid the German barbarians in their attack upon civilisation."

"France, whose arms freed Italy from German domination, is now stabbed in the back by the descendants of the men she freed."

Some Pickings

"Britain is to be attacked in the hope that from her destruction, Mussolini may get some pickings for his new Roman Empire."

"Mussolini has made a profound mistake. The victims whose spoils he hopes to share are not dead."

"The French people are never greater than when in adversity. (Cheers) They are fighting magnificently on sea, in the air and on land."

"Britain, in all her strength by sea, air and land, is standing firmly by her side."

"They will soon find—they are already finding—what is the might of sea power. Already 14 ships have been seized, ten others are in our ports and three on the best German model, have been scuttled. (Laughter)."

"The imaginary restraints which our occupation of the east and west ends of the Mediterranean are supposed to impose on Italy in time of peace become realities in time of war."

The Blockade

"Italy, like Germany, will feel the blockade."

"I say we have no ill will towards the Italian people. We are sorry they should have been brought to the slaughter on account of the overweening ambition and lust for blood of the Duce, but we are prepared to meet the challenge, and we shall give them blow for blow."

"The two dictators have united to destroy Democracy. Democracy will answer the challenge."

"From across the Atlantic has come the answer of a great Democracy. (Cheers)."

"It was as though day had followed night when, only a few hours after the dictator of Italy had made his dastardly announcement to the cheering ranks of Blackshirts, the President of the United States delivered to the youth of his country a message worthy of a great and free country in extending the whole of the American sympathies to those nations who are giving their lifeblood against force and hate."

No Dismay

"President Roosevelt has vitally inspired the free peoples of Europe. His assurance that the material resources of that great industrial nation will be placed at the disposal of the Allies makes it inevitable that however hard the road, the cause of civilisation will in the end prevail."

"Let me say to this House and country that this new attack does not cause us dismay. It makes no difference to our stern resolution to defeat all our enemies or to our confidence in our ability to withstand all attacks and achieve victory."

"Rather it should increase our determination to strain every nerve to meet all the dangers and difficulties of this critical time in the sure knowledge that we fight not for ourselves alone but for the freedom of the human spirit." (Cheers).—Reuter.

"NAZI ACTIVITIES" IN SHANGHAI

London, To-day.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a Commons question yesterday, said the Foreign Secretary had been informed that rumours of Nazi and other activities in Shanghai have little foundation and may have been issued to cause alarm and nervousness. The position was being watched.—Reuter.

TURKEY CONSULTING THE ALLIES

Ankara, To-day.

President Inönü has returned to Istanbul from his tour of Thrace and it is expected he is proceeding to Ankara.

An authoritative statement on Turkey's position is not expected before the Turkish Government have had time themselves to consider the situation and consult the other two signatories to the Anglo-French-Turkish Agreement.

Events in France are paramount at the moment but the position in the Mediterranean will doubtless clarify itself soon, and when the time comes for action Turkey will act both calmly and decisively.—Reuter.

Ambassador Sees M. Sarajoglu

Ankara, To-day.

Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador, was received by M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

ALLIES ASK FOR LIST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Following President Roosevelt's pledge of material resources, the Allied purchasing commission has asked for detailed lists of war materials they may buy here.

Mr. Purvis, the British representative, and M. Brochaine, the French representative, called on Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau yesterday for a general discussion on "what materials might be declared surplus by the United States Government."

Mr. Purvis indicated that specific replies were promised for to-day. —Havas.

Senate's Approval

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The Senate's approval of the proposal that the Army be permitted to trade in old guns for new, makes 1,000 old weapons immediately available for sale by manufacturers to the Allies.

The Army is allowed to return to the manufacturers weapons which the Allies need and obtain credit with the manufacturers towards the purchase of new weapons; the Allies would purchase the old weapons.—Havas.

ITALY'S PRESS SOBERS UP

Rome, To-day.

Now that Italy has finally entered the war, the Italian press has assumed a somewhat sober note.

The "Messaggero" warns its readers that victory will not be achieved without great sacrifice.

The "Popolo d'Italia" makes the same point, and says that France and Britain will fight with all their forces. The war will be a hard one.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Italian sacrifices, as mentioned in the Rome press, may well be very heavy indeed, authoritative London circles point out.

She is vulnerable to attack from both sea and air.

Further, an American radio commentator, broadcasting from Rome on Monday night, said that air raid precaution facilities were not very complete.

There are almost no air raid shelters, and so far there has been no plan for the evacuation of women and children from such important towns as Milan and Turin, both of which are within easy bombing range for the French air force. — Reuter.

ITALIANS QUESTIONED

London, To-day.

Since Italy's declaration of war police throughout Britain have been examining Italians, and a large number of males of military age have been taken into custody.

In London a thousand detectives were engaged in questioning Italians living in the Metropolis, who number about 9,500. Some 700 of these, most of whom were at once detained, include men whose anti-British activities are known and who are suspected of possible attempts at sabotage or Fifth Column activities.

Some days will elapse before the examination of Italians is completed and steps taken to deal with them.—British Wireless.

CHINESE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER FINED

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Li Chu-yen, publisher of the "China Evening Times," by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when summoned for publishing matter of an indecent nature in the "Chung Kwok Man Po."

Inspector G. W. Moreton of the S. C. A., said that an advertisement relating to sexual intercourse was printed in the newspaper. Defendant stopped the advertisement as soon as he was informed.

U.S. NAVAL EXPANSION

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives yesterday passed the Naval Expansion Bill, which was sent to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature. The Bill empowers an increase in the naval air force to 10,000 planes, 16,000 pilots are to be trained and 22 new combat vessels are to be built.—Reuter.

ALLIED AND ITALIAN TROOPS IN SHANGHAI CONFINED TO BARRACKS

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, To-day.

ITALY'S DECLARATION of war was known here at 3.30 in the morning and orders were immediately issued to Italian, British and French troops to be confined to barracks with a view to preventing incidents. Meanwhile the residence of the Italian Ambassador in the French Concession has received additional army protection of French colonial troops.

U.S. TAKES NEUTRALITY MEASURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

While, in his speech, President Roosevelt indicated that the sympathy and economic resources of the United States are behind the Allies, the United States yesterday officially declared their neutrality in the war between Italy and the Allies.

Shortly after his return from Charlottesville, Virginia, the President signed three documents:—

1. A proclamation of the neutrality of the United States in the new phase of the war.
 2. An invocation of the provisions of the Neutrality Act, with reference to Italy.
 3. A prohibition of the use of American and territorial waters by Italian submarines.
- These documents are similar to those already issued in the case of Germany, France, Britain, Belgium, Holland and Norway.

Chief Effects

The chief effect is to apply the cash-and-carry clause to munitions bought by Italy, while American citizens are forbidden to travel in Italian ships.

One document also extends the "barred zone" for American shipping to the Mediterranean.

It is thought that commerce with Spain and Portugal may also be cut off because of their proximity to the battle-scene in the Mediterranean.—Reuters.

AIR MAIL SERVICE SUSPENSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The temporary suspension of the Empire air mail services principally affects Malta, Egypt, Palestine, Iraq, India, Ceylon, Burma, the Straits Settlements, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and East and South Africa.—Havas.

YOUNG FRENCHMEN TO LEAVE PARIS

Paris, To-day.

General Hering, Military Governor of Paris, has issued an order by which all young Frenchmen aged 17 and over are advised to leave the Paris area.—Reuters.

CAR PETROL THIEVES

Yuen Pui, 26, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with stealing two gallons of petrol from a car belonging to of Mr. Needham, and four gallons from a car belonging to Mr. S. R. Jeffreys.

Defendant sold the petrol at King Kwong Street, Happy Valley, for 90 cents a gallon. The leader of the gang had disappeared when defendant was arrested.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

A juvenile charged in connection with the case was sentenced to 12 strokes of the cane by Mr. Sheldon.

POLICE DESERTERS BROUGHT BACK

Two Shantung Chinese, formerly police constables, Chung Shu-tong, 25, and Wong Si-chin, 28, were before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with desertion.

Accused pleaded guilty.

They were arrested by the British Authorities in Tientsin and brought back to the Colony.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed on each.

SUSPENSION OF JOHNSON ACT TO BE MOVED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Senator Claude Pepper, Florida Democrat, proposed yesterday that the President be given broad powers to suspend the Neutrality Law and the Johnson Act (which bars credits to debtor nations).

Senator Pepper asked that this power be given to preserve peace in the Western Hemisphere. He announced he was drafting a resolution to this effect.—Havas.

WOMAN ALIEN REPORTED ARRIVAL LATE

Mrs. Nina Koekebaker, of No. 28, Ashley Road, top floor, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for failing to report her arrival from Shanghai on March 19. Detective Sergeant Hill told the Court that defendant did not report till March 28.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

ITALIAN RESIDENTS IN TUNISIA WARNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tunis, To-day.

The general commanding the French armies in North Africa has addressed a proclamation to Italian residents in the colony warning them that any attempt to form a Fifth Column in Tunisia would be pitilessly stamped out.—Havas.

TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



Some are enjoying perfect health—others are in hospitals fighting for life. Millions start off in the morning feeling fit and bright but without the slightest warning there comes an attack of pain in the form of Headaches, Neuralgia, Nerviness, etc. Cold and Flu infection is as sudden as an accident. For these ailments the popular world-wide medicine is 'ASPRO.' Its success is due to relief results that are quickly proved and the fact that 'ASPRO' is safe, because it does not harm the heart or have any injurious after-effects. Always use 'ASPRO' according to the directions to relieve Pain and Headaches, Cold, Flu and Rheumatism.

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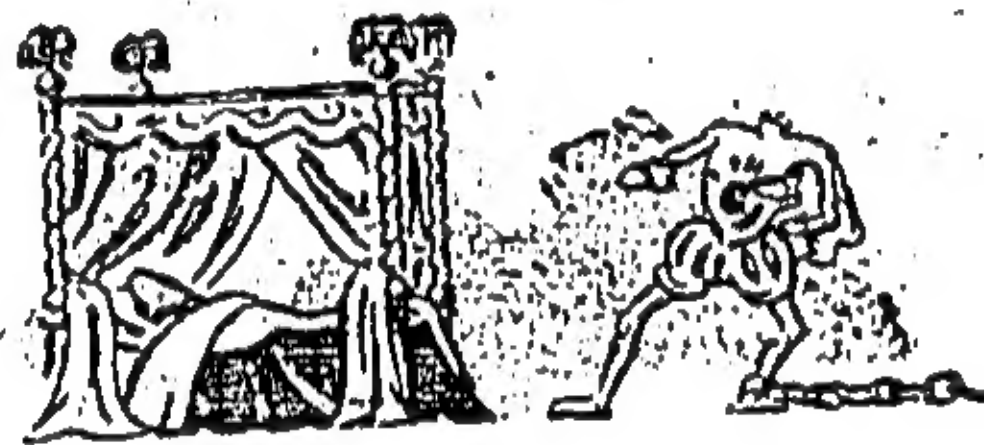
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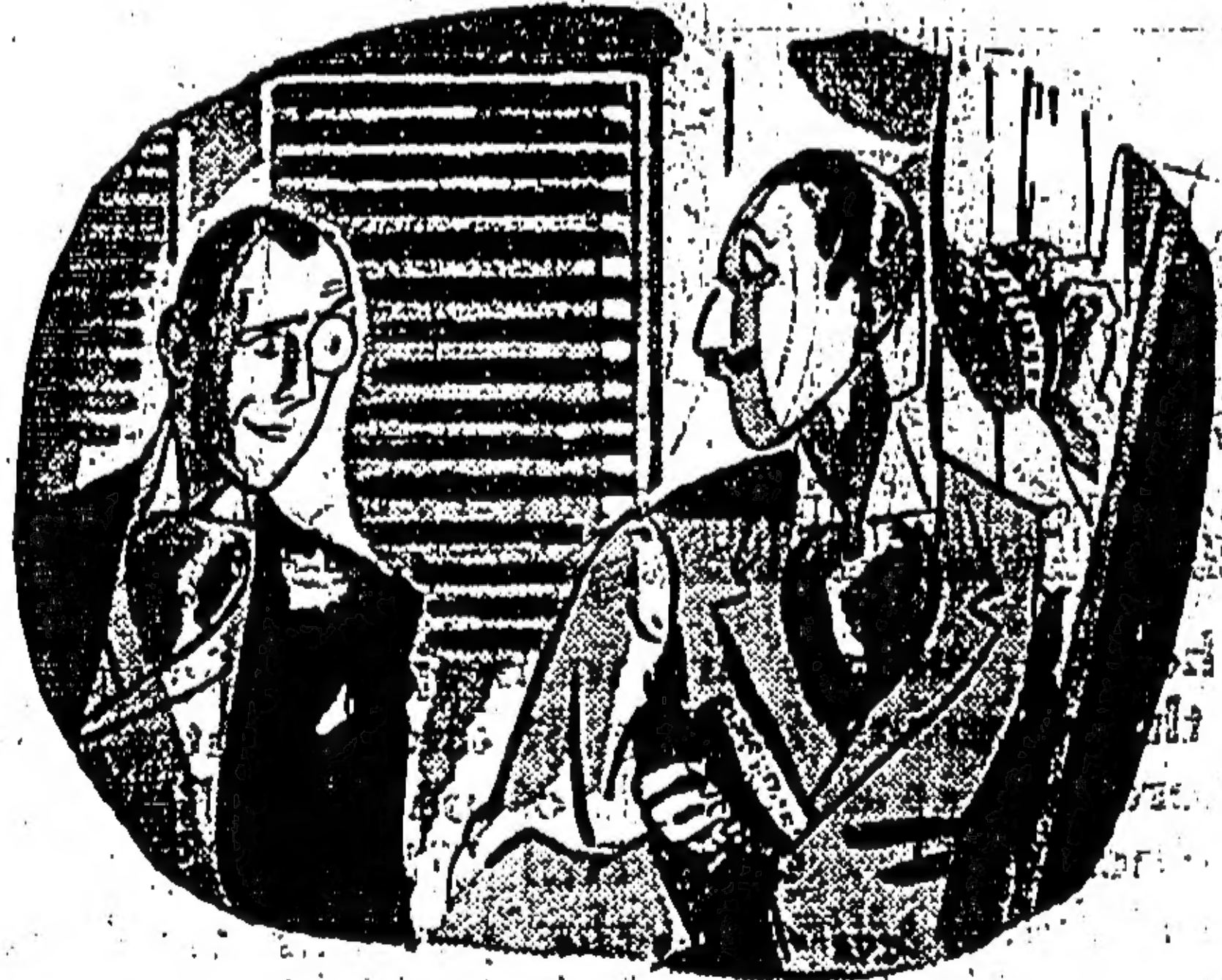


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"And the little head?"

"Ticking over beautifully old boy. Cool as a frame-full of cucumbers. Am I becoming a saturated solution — or is it just the influence of a good woman?"

"Your ignorance of the facts of life, Edmond, is little short of monumental. Remember the long draught of Rose's Lime Juice. I made you drink before retiring? Pause and consider, Edmond —

knowing me as you do — was that pure altruism?"

"I've never known you do an unselfish act in your life old boy."

"Right. My only concern was to save myself trouble and get you to the church in such condition that you could both speak audibly and walk unaided. With the help of Rose's Lime Juice I have succeeded. Listen carefully, Edmond, while I explain the chemical action of Rose's —"

"I say — look! Quarter to eleven! Where's the ring? Where's my hat? Is the car ready? Is my tie all right? — Hurry up, hurry up. Where's my — oh, here it is — QUICK!"

ROSE'S LIME JUICE — THE WISE MAN'S NIGHTCAP

NAVY MINES LARGE AREAS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

London, To-day.

AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE announces that the Gulfs of Venice and Quarnero and all Albanian territorial waters are now dangerous to navigation because of mines.

The Gulf of Venice is at the top of the Adriatic and Quarnero is that strip of sea on the east side of the Adriatic running from the naval base at Pola to the port of Fiume.

Vessels destined for Yugoslavian ports are recommended to navigate within Yugoslavian territorial waters.

A third dangerous area at the heel of the Italian coast is covering the area covered by the ports of Brindisi and Bari.

A fourth area in the Gulf of Taranto covers the ports of Taranto and Metaponto.

A fifth dangerous area off the east coast of Sicily includes the Straits of Messina

Off Libya Also

Three considerable minefields have also been laid off the Libyan coast, one enclosing the port of Benghazi while the second and third cover at intervals to the Egyptian border.

A further area has been laid north-west of Rhodes and covers the waters of the Dodecanese, including the Italian base of Leros.—Reuter.

ITALIAN LINER CAPTURED

London, To-day.

Details of how Italy lost the first three of the 27 ships mentioned by Mr. Attlee in his speech yesterday have now come to hand.

The Caponoli left Montreal on Monday, but was overtaken by the Canadian minesweeper Bras D'Or. The captain ran his ship around and set her on fire east of Quebec, in the St. Lawrence River.

The Canadian minesweeper took the Italian crew prisoner and then sent to Quebec for a firefloat to put out the fire.

The other two ships, the Ceallina and a vessel so far known as the "Numolia" or "Numbolia," scuttled themselves off Gibraltar.

A Madrid message says that the former, of 6,000 tons, was sunk by bombs after her crew had poured petrol all over her and then went ashore with the only passenger.—Reuter.

ITALY DEFINES WAR ZONE

Rome, To-day.

An announcement defines the war zone in Italy proper as including the province of Piedmont, territory extending westward between the Apennines and the Tyrrhenian Sea, Calabria, Sicily, Sardinia and the islands in the Gulf of Taranto.

The announcement adds that "zones of operation" will be defined later.—Reuter.

WITHDRAWAL OF GOVERNMENT FROM PARIS

Paris, To-day.

The withdrawal of the Government from Paris was carried out according to plan. The Ministries are now installed and functioning in the places assigned to them.—Reuter.

ITALIAN RAIDS ON MALTA

Malta, To-day.

Enemy warplanes carried out a series of air raids on Malta yesterday.

The first alarm was sounded at 7 a.m. (local time) when heavy anti-aircraft fire was heard. Some bombs were dropped but most fell into the sea and little damage was done.

There were a few civilian casualties, including women and children. An empty hospital was hit but no damage was done to military objectives.

Two enemy planes were brought down.

The all clear was sounded after an hour but was followed five minutes later by a second alarm which lasted half an hour.

Three more raids occurred between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. A sixth warning was given at 2.45 p.m. lasting a quarter of an hour. No firing was heard on this occasion.

The population behaved splendidly and remained perfectly calm during the repeated alarms.

Curfew is now in force between 8.30 p.m. and 5 a.m.—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH CRITICISED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

COMMANDER O. S. LOCKER-LAMPSON (CONS) ASKED THE SECRETARY FOR WAR IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER, IN VIEW OF RECENT SURPRISES IN RELATION TO GERMAN TANKS, HE WOULD IMPROVE THE INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF THE WAR OFFICE AND WHETHER HE WOULD FORM A COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF TANK WARFARE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Richard Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, replying, said: "I don't accept the implication in the question that my department was ill-informed or surprised in relation to the German tanks."

"As regards the latter part of the question the questioner will be aware of the recent constitution of the Tank Board."—Reuter.

ITALY'S AMBASSADOR BIDS FAREWELL

London, To-day.

The Italian Ambassador in London called at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon and saw Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary.—British Wireless.

Germans Redouble Efforts In Drive On Paris FRENCH TAKE UP NEW LINE ON THE MARNE

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A FRENCH COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT DURING THE DAY THE BATTLE REACHED THE GREATEST VIOLENCE SINCE IT BEGAN ON THE WHOLE FRONT.

It is evident the enemy is desperately endeavouring to force a decision.

To the west of the Oise and the Seine, the enemy redoubled his efforts between Rouen and Vernon.

Covering himself with artificial smoke clouds he has been endeavouring to throw bridges across the river and to cross with tanks.

Our troops are counter-attacking unceasingly to contain the enemy's efforts.

To the west of the Oise the enemy divisions redoubled their efforts supported by tanks. They only met our rearguard, the main body of our division having received orders to continue their resistance south of the Marne.

In Champagne during the night the enemy brought up new divisions to the south of the Aisne. Fighting continued from dawn on the whole of this line and the positions were dearly disputed.

Serious Losses

Our troops counter-attacked to the south of Attigny, inflicting serious losses on the enemy.

Between the Aisne and the Meuse all enemy assaults were repulsed.

A naval air force formation bombed the Heinkel factory.—Reuter.

German Communiqué

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency claimed last night that German fighting patrols have reached points about 38 miles north-west and north-east of Paris.

These forces are said to be cutting off the approaches to the capital.

It is stated that at the eastern end of the front, between Rheims and the Argonne, very fierce and bitter fighting is still proceeding.—Reuter.

The Second Verdun

London, To-day.

Authoritative military circles in London are deeply impressed with the unsurpassed spirit and vigour with which the French are fighting a se-

U.S. SHIP IN MYSTERY INCIDENT

Washington, To-day.

The State Department announces that an unidentified submarine halted the United States liner Washington yesterday morning while she was en route from Lisbon to Galway to pick up American refugees.

The submarine commander at first ordered the 1,020 passengers to abandon ship but later the Washington was allowed to proceed. On the submarine's orders to abandon ship the passengers and crew, the latter numbering 570, were instructed to take to the lifeboats and some were actually being lowered when the submarine commander changed his mind and flashed the signal "Thought you were another ship. Please go on."

Second Meeting

The Washington proceeded and shortly afterwards sighted another

cond Verdun on an enormous scale.

Confidence is expressed that within the next three or four days the main force of the enemy attack will have spent itself.

It is already noted that his attempt to out-flank the Maginot Line by the drive in Champagne has slackened while on his right wing, attempts to advance over the lower Seine have been held.

The strategic retreat in the centre has enabled the French to occupy new positions not yet challenged.

The British are affording all possible help to stem the German tide.

Paris reports state that behind the battle-front every village and town has been transformed into a stronghold and every inch of the advance to Paris will be stoutly contested.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. KEEP UP DAYLONG ATTACK ON HITLER'S HORDES

London, To-day.

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE states that during the last 24 hours medium and heavy bombers continued operations on the enemy's lines of communication leading towards Rouen and the Seine.

Columns of armoured fighting vehicles and mechanised transports were attacked and damage done to railways, roads and bridges.

By night, eight heavy bombers continued the attacks on important crossings of the Meuse and again attacked military objectives in western Germany. One of our aircraft is missing.

Our aircraft operations from France have been engaged in repeated day and night bombing and reconnaissance operations over the fighting zone. Four of our medium bombers are missing.

R.A.F. fighters based in France carried out a large number of protective patrols against enemy formations sometimes ten times their own strength.

In these at least five enemy aircraft were shot down, while seven of our fighters are missing.

Coastal Command aircraft on reconnaissance over Norway set on fire two oil tanks and a refinery at Thamshavn.—Reuter.

submarine but was not interfered with.

The Washington's captain telephoned to New York stating the submarine gave the passengers and crew ten minutes to take to the boats.

The Washington repeatedly signalled "American ship, American ship" until the message ordering her to proceed was received.—Reuter.

British Statement

London, To-day.

Authoritative circles in London state there can be no question whatever of the liner Washington being stopped by a British submarine as the evil example of Germany in pursuing unrestricted warfare has never been followed by the British Navy.—Reuter.

COMPLETE ANSWER

New York, To-day.

The sending of British reinforcements to France is hailed in an editorial in the "New York Sun."

The significance of this reinforcement is of the utmost importance and is a complete answer to German propaganda asserting that the French armies were to be left holding the bag on the continent while Britain sought to make itself impregnable on its islands.

It must have been good news, too, to those heroic French defenders who for five consecutive days had stood against an enemy superior in manpower and mobile equipment.—Reuter.

TAX BILL PASSED

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives yesterday passed the \$1,000,000,000 Tax Bill which now goes to the Senate.—Reuter.

ORGANISATION OF BRITAIN'S TANK BOARD

London, To-day.

Questioned in the Commons yesterday regarding the tank situation, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, said the Tank Board would be composed of independent members and Service department representatives.

Before the whole Board was constituted, the independent chairman and members reviewed the position at Government's request. They made two major suggestions.

Firstly, that in order to secure quick production the organisation of the tank department of the Ministry of Supply must be in the hands of civilians now engaged in rapid production methods, and,

Secondly, the Army must make its demands unequivocally through one focal point and there should be in the War Office a general officer of high rank and recent fighting experience with tanks to perform that function.

Mr. Morrison added that he and Mr. Eden (the War Minister) has agreed to adopt these suggestions. They would be carried out as expeditiously as possible.—Reuter.

\$50,000,000 FOR RED CROSS AND REFUGEES

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has drafted a letter asking Congress to appropriate \$50,000,000 for the Red Cross for the relief of refugees in Europe.—Reuter.

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Where The Allies' Strength Lies

German strategy is founded on rapidity of movement. The Germans expect that their first onslaughts of armoured vehicles, supported by bombing aircraft, will break through all defences. They want to force the war into the open from the start.

The Allies have been working for months to defeat this object. They believe in the power of the defensive. They are determined to absorb the shock of the German attack by their defensive preparations.

An offensive on the scale the Germans have launched is an alarming thing in the beginning. Its weight is such that it is bound to succeed at first. The Germans are using all the terrifying technique with which they conquered Poland. Their aim is to destroy and paralyse all opposition, and to push rapidly towards objectives in the hope of winning a quick war.

Marshal Foch described a comparable situation in March 1918, when the Germans similarly attacked. He said, "If you throw a large stone into the middle of a pond the first wave created by the stone is a huge one; the second wave is not so high; the third wave grows less; the final wave never reaches the shore at all."

Marshal Foch waited then until the impetus of the German effort had expended itself, then he in his turn attacked.

We know the sequel. The last German wave in an attempt to break through to Amiens and thus separate the French from the British armies, reached Villers Bretonneux in full view of Amiens cathedral. There the Australian Corps attacked the German columns when they had reached a peak of exhaustion. From that moment the initiative passed into Foch's hands.

Nothing is more ruinous to an army than a profitless offensive. It is an exhaustive form of action, and for that reason it must be fed with successes.

There are many other factors which Hitler has now challenged. The machine-gun in the last war established its superiority as a defensive weapon. In well-placed positions it was supreme, and to-day both the French and the British armies are manning machine-gun posts so cunningly sited that an advancing army cannot locate them.

They have anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns. The former may be rifles handled by infantry, or they may be heavier weapons organised in batteries, tractor-drawn and mobile.

A combination of tanks, machine-guns, and anti-tank weapons in defence is deadly. When the guns have stopped the enemy, the tanks can crash in to counter-attack him before retiring to their safety zones.

What of the air and the new technique which the Germans have introduced?

Will they cut our communications between the B.E.F. and England? Will their parachute troops constitute a new danger in the rear?

The answer is that for the first time the Germans have launched an offensive against armies which are ready.

At the beginning of this war we were not ready. We expected a

blitzkrieg from the air in the first week. We feared that the advanced troops of the B.E.F. might be bombed in the troopships. We anticipated that our mobile aerodromes would be harried in France before they had time to settle down.

Now, even if the communications between the B.E.F. and England were severed for weeks by enemy bombers it would make no difference. Our forces have enough food stored to last them for three months. They have their hospitals; their railways, everything they need to continue the war, no matter what happens.

The B.E.F. are a self-contained, self-reliant force, and a very large one. They can even provide themselves with reinforcements from the men who are completing their field training in France.

It may be taken for granted however, that the Germans will make hay while their bombs fall. They will fly low over their armoured divisions in the hope of distracting the defend-

By
Lt.-Col. T. A. Lowe

ing troops. They will bomb aerodromes, bases, and assemblages of troops behind the lines. They will land parachute troops in the hope of quickly destroying vulnerable points.

But it will be a very different form of war from that in Poland and Norway, because we are ready for whatever may come and we have the means ready to counter it.

Our fighters will swarm against the German bombers, our anti-aircraft guns will keep them high, and the Nazi aerodromes and bases and assemblages will be just as vulnerable as ours.

On land tank will meet tank.

Speed and mobility are no longer the sole prerogative of the Germans. The French and British Armies are just as mobile as the enemy. They have their trucks and lorries, they have huge stores of petrol ready for any emergency, officers and men have been trained for months to meet a war emergency such as that which has now arisen.

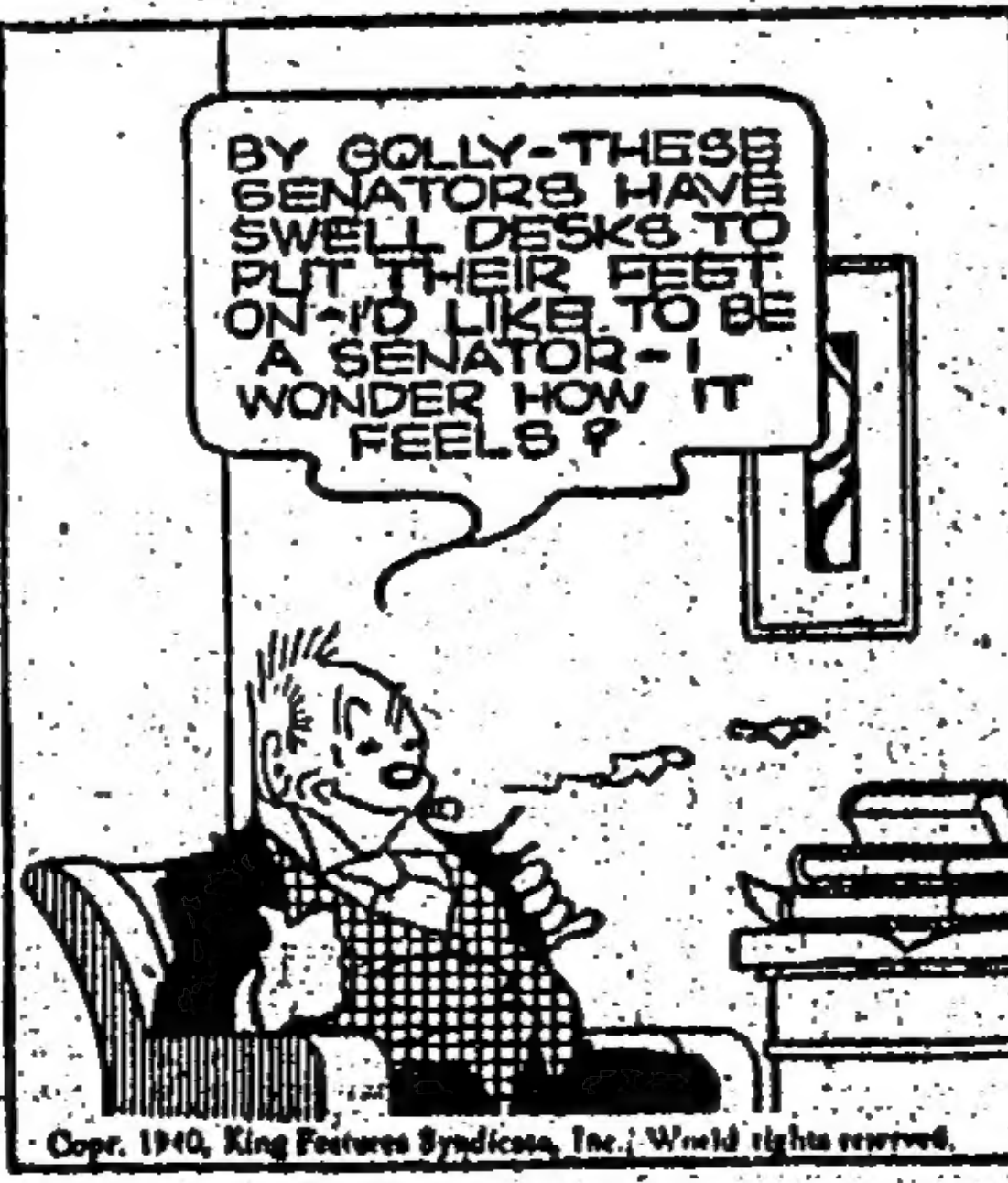
The enemy also will be up against a form of defence which is new to him—a deep belt of prepared demolitions.

The battle will be one of giants, not, as hitherto, a battle where one giant with a large club has tried to beat the life out of a small child.

CIANO REJOINS HIS AIR SQUADRON

Rome, To-day.
Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, who is a major in the air force, has left to rejoin his squadron.
—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

SOUTH AFRICA TO SEND TROOPS NORTH

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE DOMINION AND COLONIAL OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY: "SOUTH AFRICA DECLARED WAR ON ITALY THIS AFTERNOON. THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA IS CLOSELY AFFECTED BY ITALY'S INTERVENTION IN THE WAR."

"Beyond the Union's northern borders a belt of British colonies stretches onwards to the borders of Abyssinia and Italian Somaliland.

SIGNS PLAIN FOR ALL TO SEE—SMUTS

Pretoria, To-day.
General Smuts, the South African Premier, in a nationwide broadcast, announcing that the Union was at war with Italy, described Italy's aims as similar to those of Germany and her methods as identical.

General Smuts said Italy's intervention was a direct menace to the immediate security of the Union.

Her action had not surprised the Government. Ever since Mussolini's unprovoked attack on Abyssinia the signs were plain for everybody to see.

Mussolini's larger African policy was in line with the well-known German aim of a great empire in Africa in which Mussolini hoped to have a considerable share.

Doubters could now see who was the enemy, and "the duty of South Africans now is to unite in defending South Africa against the very grave dangers now threatening from the north."—Reuter.

CLOSURE OF SUEZ

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai, To-day.

The local shipping world has accepted calmly the closure of the Suez Canal which automatically results from the Italian entry into the war.

Shanghai's shipping relations with Europe are now confined to Panama and the Cape of Good Hope routes, while all sailings of Italian vessels to and from Shanghai have naturally ceased. — Havas.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY CHARGE

An incident in the side lane outside Harbour View Hotel on May 1 had a sequel before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning when Ho Man-hung, 22, was charged with highway robbery with violence.

Accused was alleged to have snatched a handbag from Mrs. Gardiner, proprietress of Harbour View and Arlington Hotels, in the lane.

A three days' remand was ordered.

TRADING WITH ENEMY

London, To-day.

It has now become an offence in Britain and France to have any dealings, direct or indirect, with Italian firms or Italian subjects.—Reuter.

AMBASSADORS LEAVE

Rome, To-day.

The British and French Ambassadors left Rome for Switzerland last night. — Reuter.

"Their interests are also those of the Union, and General Smuts has repeatedly given explicit assurances that the Union will stand by them in the hour of danger.

"These British communities are largely people from the Union and are virtually the Union's outposts.

"South Africa's defence policy has taken into account the danger of enemy air bases being established north of the Equator for attacks on the Union and timely steps have been taken to coordinate the Dominion's defence policy with that of its British neighbours.

"It is the Union's declared policy to extend operations if necessary as far as Kenya and Tanganyika.

Survey Of Defences

"General Smuts informed Parliament two months ago that he had taken early steps in co-operation with the Governments concerned to have a survey made of the defence position in the north.

"Surveys were also made to find out what land routes are practicable for the movement of troops should movement by sea be precluded.

"Recently Lt-Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in the Near East, visited Capetown, and in the words of the Prime Minister "We had the advantage of very full discussion and exchange of ideas on the whole situation as it affects us here."

"Union nationals, both English and Afrikaans speaking, have volunteered in large numbers to serve anywhere in Africa. Three weeks ago a number of units were mobilised for full time service."—Reuter.

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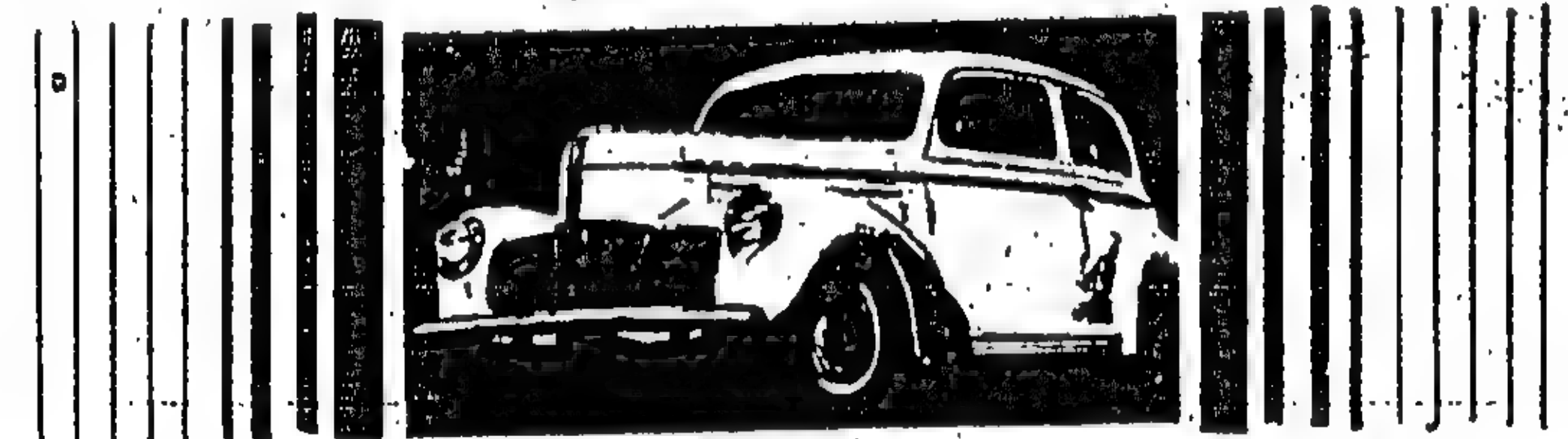
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ALLIES NOT DETERRED BY ANY INITIAL REVERSES

London, To-day.

THE ALLIES ARE NOT deterred by initial reverses or by the intervention of Italy, which was long foreseen. They are prepared for a long war in which their greater resources will be decisive.

Enemy claims regarding Allied naval and air losses are purely imaginary. If they were true the British Fleet would have been sunk twice over and the Allies would have no aircraft left.

Yet we command the sea and bomb Germany daily.

Enemy claims regarding Allied land losses are equally fantastic. Hitler's figures for prisoners, added to the numbers of men evacuated from Dunkirk, would, without casualties, exceed the total force.

The German attempt to annihilate the B.E.F. failed, and 88 per cent. of it is safe and is preparing for fresh action.

The evacuation at Dunkirk proved the falsity of the German boast that aircraft are a match for a naval power.

AIR SUPERIORITY

The Allied air force has been shown to be qualitatively superior to the German. The latter is more numerous but the losses are four to one. German pilots occasionally avoid combat.

German armoured divisions in Flanders lost one-third to one-half of their strength and since then there have been very heavy losses.

Loss of territory is not vital, as was shown in the last war. Recovery of the territory will result from the fatal defeat of the German army.—Reuter.

INCREASE IN FIDUCIARY ISSUE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SAID IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT OWING TO THE GROWING DEMAND FOR CURRENCY, AN INCREASE WAS NECESSARY IN THE FIDUCIARY ISSUE.

Acting under the powers conferred by the Currency and Banknotes Act (1928), the Treasury had authorised an increase in the amount of the fiduciary note issue by £50,000,000 to £630,000,000 as from yesterday.

A Treasury minute was being laid before Parliament forthwith.—Reuter.

COLONIAL WELFARE

London, To-day.

The Colonial Development and Welfare Bill was read in the House of Commons a third time yesterday.

The Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. G. H. Hall, said that until the present great danger had passed, the prosecution of the war must have first call on the whole of our resources.

Hence there would be desirable schemes of colonial development which cannot immediately be undertaken but this would not debar them from providing funds for urgent schemes which can be undertaken with purely local resources and without detriment to the war effort.—Reuter.

Secret Session

London, To-day.

Before making his Commons statement yesterday, Mr. C. R. Attlee said that owing to the heavy engagements of the Prime Minister and the defence ministers' committee, the remaining stages of the Colonial Development Welfare Bill would be taken that day. A secret session of the House would take place at a later date.—Reuter.

AMERICAN TRADE-IN

Washington, To-day.

The Senate yesterday approved, by 67 votes to 18, President Roosevelt's request that the Army should be given authority to trade in old rifles and artillery needed by the Allies for credit against orders for new weapons.—Reuter.

ARAB OPINION

Tunis, To-day.

Arab opinion is unanimously disgusted by the cowardly Italian attack on France.—Reuter.

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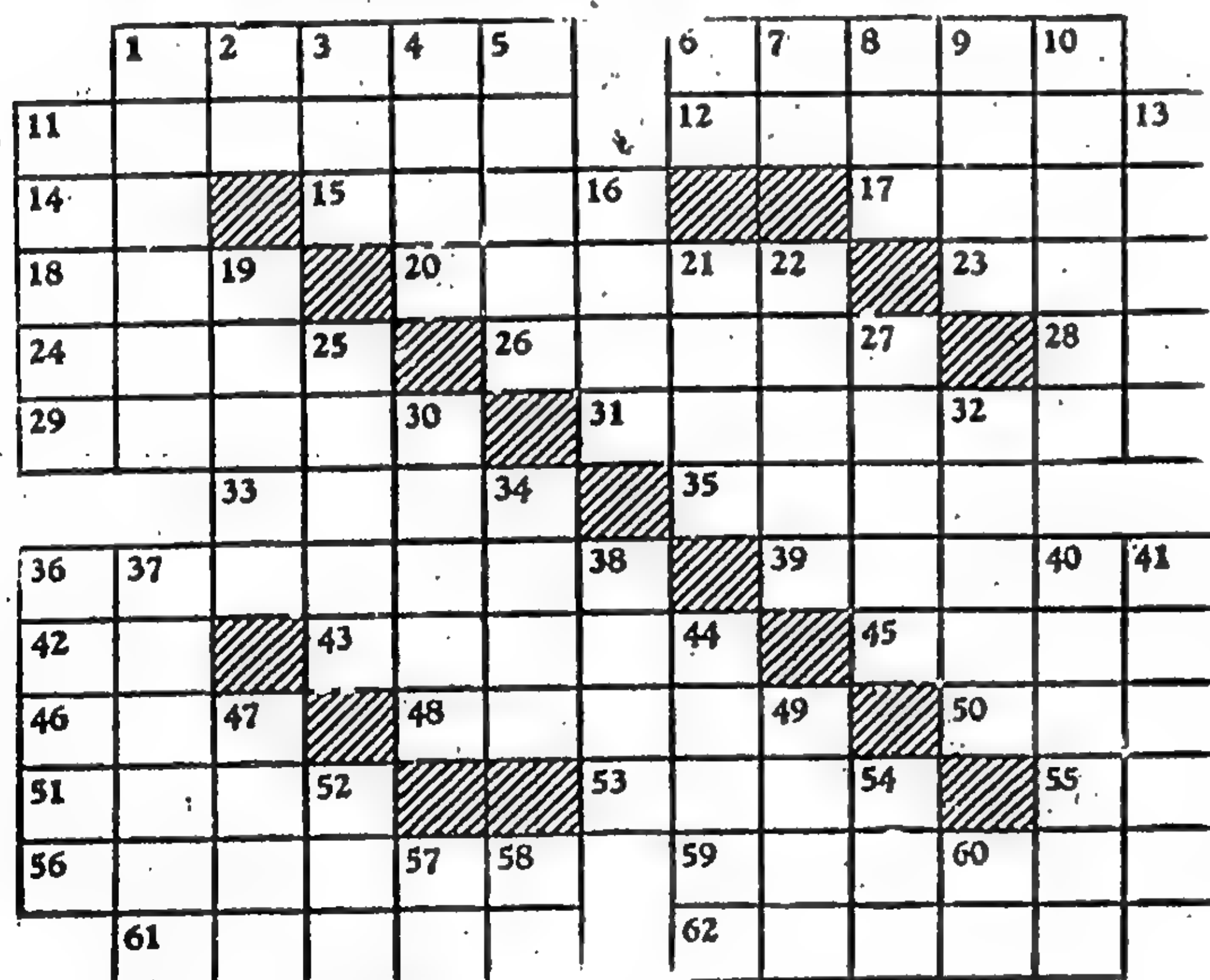
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- 11 Season
- 12 Business trip
- 14 Printer's measure
- 15 Levantine ketch
- 17 To be borne by
- 18 Colloquial: verbal thrust
- 20 To perch
- 23 Nothing
- 24 Profit
- 26 Pertaining to the body
- 28 Brother of Odin
- 29 To jostle
- 31 Joins by stitching
- 33 Russian river
- 35 Spunky
- 36 Melodious
- 39 Merry-making
- 42 Conjunction
- 43 City in Ohio
- 45 Nation's war vessels
- 46 Herd of whales
- 48 Man's name

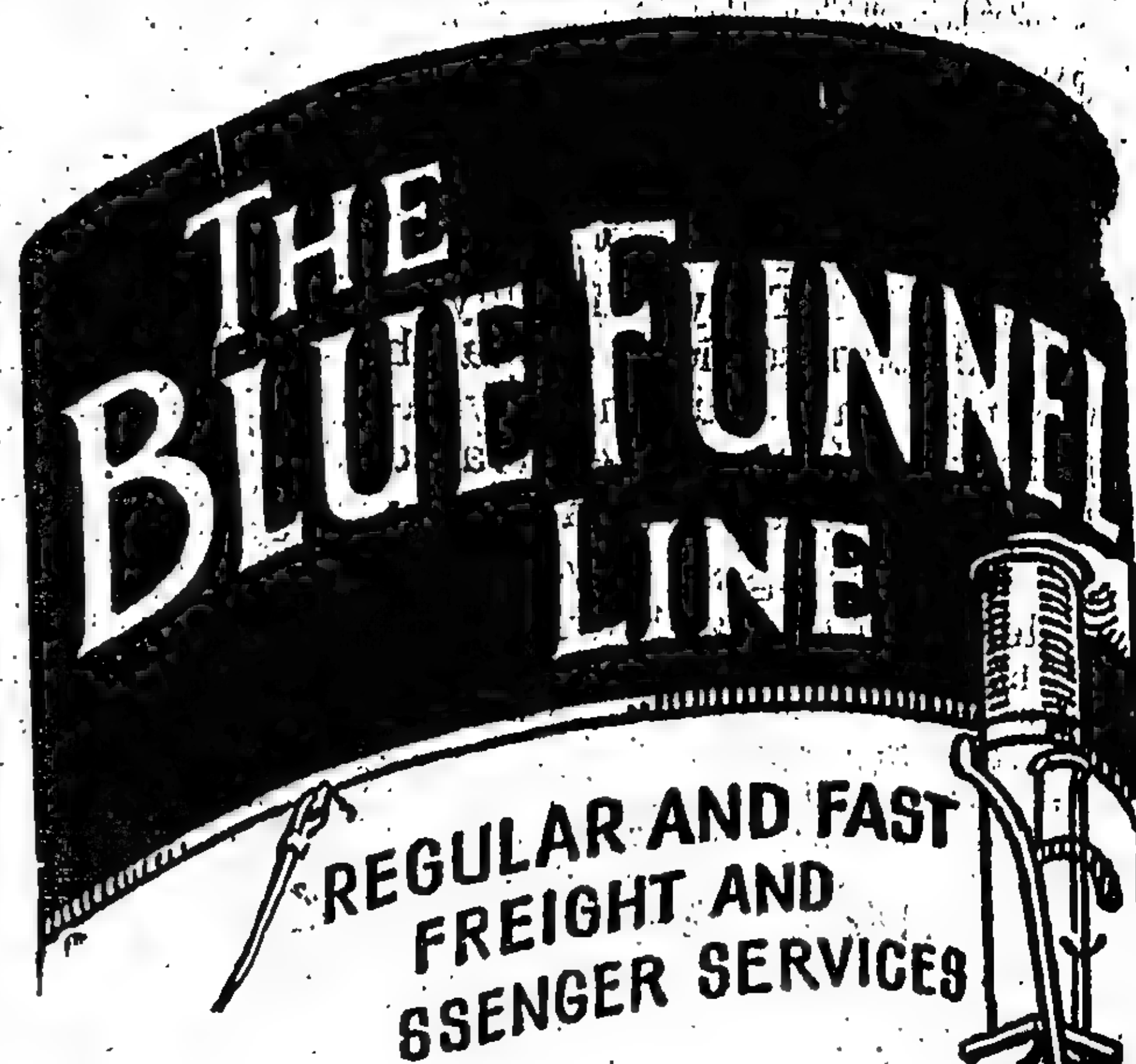
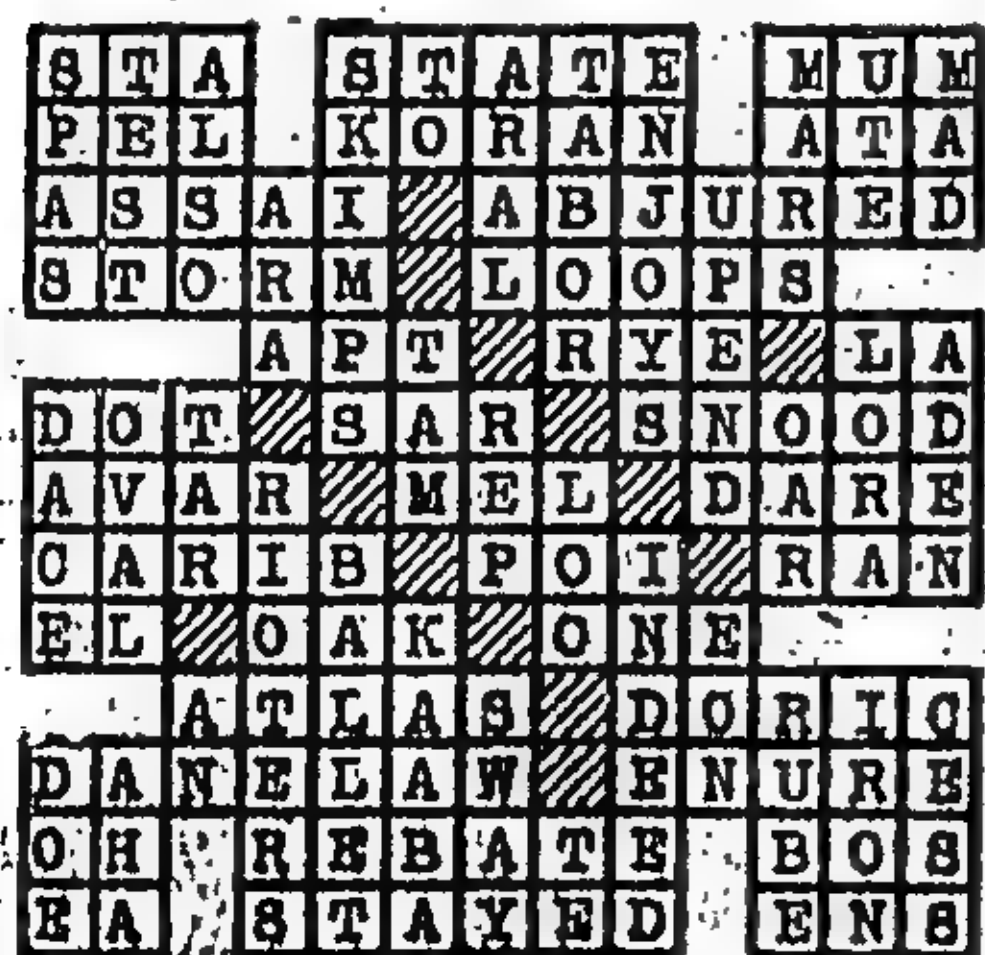
- 50 Gaelic sea-god
- 51 Determinate amount
- 53 Goddess of discord
- 55 Compass point
- 56 Crescent-shaped marking
- 59 Chooses
- 61 Spanish gentleman
- 62 Withers

VERTICAL

- 1 Topmost ornamental detail
- 2 Article
- 3 Pronoun
- 4 Nigh
- 5 Musical pieces
- 6 Note of scale
- 7 Teutonic deity

- 8 To be mistaken
- 9 Conceited
- 10 Salad herb
- 11 To rive
- 13 Removes
- 16 Doves' cries
- 19 Opera hat
- 21 Confident
- 22 Turkic tribe member
- 25 Waterwheel
- 27 Unit of light
- 30 Sandstone-like rock
- 32 City in Estonia
- 34 Fat
- 36 Autocrat
- 37 Planet
- 38 Box
- 40 Occurrences
- 41 Musical instruments
- 44 Nostrils
- 47 Pronoun
- 49 To irritate
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- 54 Hindu weight
- 57 Behold!
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JAPANESE CLAIM ICHANG

Tokyo, To-day.

A Japanese field despatch claims that Japanese vanguards have penetrated Ichang, Chinese treaty port on the Yangtse River 150 miles west of Hankow.

Ichang has been the main objective of the present Japanese drive into the Central China interior.

It is also claimed the Japanese effectively bombed military establishments in Chungking. — Reuter.

Chinese Report

London, To-day.

The Chinese Embassy publishes a message from Chungking saying the Japanese drive towards Ichang was being strongly held on Monday on the Chang River, about 35 miles away.

The telegram added the Japanese suffered heavy losses in violent fighting. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE COMMENDABLY FIRM

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was commendably firm yesterday. Italy's entry was previously discounted by the market. Gilt-edged were fractionally higher while industrials, oils and gold minings moved narrowly, mostly lower. Indian Government Bonds were irregular, gains and losses being about equal. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

EMPIRE AIR TRAINING IN SOUTH AFRICA

London, To-day.

Air Chief Marshal Sir H. Robert M. Brooke-Popham, head of the British air mission investigating the progress of Empire air training in South Africa, states that he is extremely satisfied with the work of his mission.

"I was very much impressed by the high physical and mental standard of the young South Africans offering to join the R.A.F." he said. — Reuter.

CONDOLENCES WITH CANADA

London, To-day.

The United Kingdom Government has sent a message of sympathy to Canada over the death of Mr. Norman Rogers, the Canadian Defence Minister, who was killed in an aeroplane crash at Belleville, Ontario.

Mr. Rogers endeared himself to all when he visited Britain and did very fine work in organizing the Canadian forces sent overseas. — Reuter.



GERMAN BOMBS DROPPED IN SOUTH OF ENGLAND — Mr. Hebditch, owner of a poultry farm where bomb dropped, examining the bomb crater. (Copyright, Fox).

BRITISH TONNAGE LOSSES

London, To-day.

Total British tonnage lost during the week ending midnight on June 2 was 78,715 tons, whereof 24,000 tons were lost during operations at Dunkirk and are not therefore mercantile losses in the ordinary sense.

Mercantile losses comprise eleven British ships totalling 54,715 tons, and three neutral of 7,923 tons.

Up to June 5, 23,000 British, Allied and neutral ships have been in British convoys with the loss of 32 ships, or one in 719. Neutral ships convoyed totalled 3,163 with a loss of three or one in 1,054. — British Wireless.

FATSHAN CARGO SEIZURE

A fine of \$100 was imposed by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, on Tao Wah, shop master, for importing unmanifested cargo on board the s.s. Fat Shan yesterday.

Two sacks of shellac and 10 tins of varnish were found in his possession on board the s.s. Fatshan.

The goods were confiscated.

MAURITIUS OFFER TO EMPIRE

Port Louis, To-day.

The Mauritius Legislative Council has approved a gift of £150,000 to the Imperial Government from the colony's reserve fund. It has also placed the balance of the fund, amounting to £500,000, at the disposal of the Imperial Government when required. — Reuter.

SHELTER UNDER MONUMENT

King William-street Tube Station, 70 feet below the Monument, in the heart of the City of London, has been converted into an air raid shelter. It will accommodate 2,000 of the employees of the offices in Regis House and King William-st. House.

The idea of putting the station and tunnel to practical use as an underground shelter after they had been closed for 40 years has been carried out by Dron and Wright, managers of the United City Property Trust Ltd.

As there was only one entrance to the shelter from Regis House they obtained permission from the London Transport Board to construct a new shaft, 64ft deep, with a spiral staircase connecting King William-street House at the other end of the station.

This provides a necessary alternative entrance or exit, and at the same time utilises the old station for the occupiers of both properties. A feature of the reconstruction is a mezzanine floor of steel and concrete in the old station portion of the scheme.

Something like £20,000 has been spent on the provision of the shelter.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:—

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San Mauricio Ps. .51 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .14 b.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .09¼ sa.

United Paracales Ps. .15½ sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

London silver was quoted at 23 for Spot and 21-3/8 for forward.

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THYSSEN WARNED HITLER: DRAGGING GERMANY INTO ABYSS

HERR FRITZ THYSSEN, the powerful German industrial magnate of other days and a backer of the Nazis at their beginning, now having broken with Hitler, is publishing his correspondence with Goering and Hitler from his retreat in Switzerland, where he took refuge last autumn.

The documents are appearing in instalments in the Paris-Soir. They start with Herr Thyssen's refusal to attend the meeting of the Reichstag called for Sept. 1 last.

He telegraphed from Bad-Gastein, in Austria, to Goering, saying, "Am against war. By engaging in war Germany will, as regards raw materials, become a vassal of Russia and will lose her position as a world Power."

He followed this three weeks later with a memorandum to Goering, in which he said: "Since war has broken out, Germany should endeavour to bring it to an end in the briefest possible time, for the longer the war the harder will be the peace terms for Germany."

GOERING'S GUARANTEE

Goering did not acknowledge this communication, and Herr Thyssen left for Switzerland. There he received a message that if he would return Goering would guarantee him against any personal or economic consequences of his protest against Hitler's policy.

Herr Thyssen answered disdainfully rejecting Goering's guarantee. He reminded Goering that he had been a faithful supporter of Nazism, and that he had registered only three protests, the last being when Germany was once again dragged into war without Parliament of the State Council having been consulted. He went on to stigmatise Hitler's policy as "suicidal."

As for his reason for not returning to Germany, Herr Thyssen reminded Goering of the fate of the Nazi secessionists in 1934, and mentioned that a nephew of his own had died mysteriously in the concentration camp at Dachau. "I count myself now an opponent of the regime," he said.

A TELLING INDICTMENT

Goering's answer was to confiscate Herr Thyssen's possessions. Upon this Herr Thyssen, writing from Lausanne on Dec. 28 last, addressed to Hitler a letter which must rank as one of the most telling indictments of Hitlerism. The following is an extract:

"I am opposed to the policy of these latter days. Above all I am opposed to this war, which you have so frivolously launched, and for which you and your henchmen are responsible. Your new policy, Herr Hitler, is dragging Germany into an abyss;

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To be effective, the flying searchlight would have to be much more powerful than any car headlights, and it would use up load-capacity and power. The objection has been raised that in a fighter plane it would have the fatal disadvantage of revealing the fighter to its enemy. On the other hand, the beam would probably dazzle the enemy's gunners.

it will be the ruin of the German people. Turn back while there is still time! Your policy, if it is carried out, spells Finis Germania!

"Remember the oath you swore at Potsdam. Give back to the Reich a free Parliament; give back to the German people freedom of word and of conscience. Grant the guarantees that will give the words 'law' and 'right' a meaning again, so that once more treaties and agreements can be based upon good faith!

"Then—if it is not too late to avoid new disasters and the useless sacrifice of blood—then Germany may still perhaps obtain an honourable peace with her unity preserved."

SEWING MEETINGS

The B.W.O.F. Sewing and Knitting Meetings until recently held in H.M.S. "Tamar" will commence at the China Fleet Club on Wednesday, 19th June, and be held each subsequent Wednesday from 9.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.

MALTA SCENES

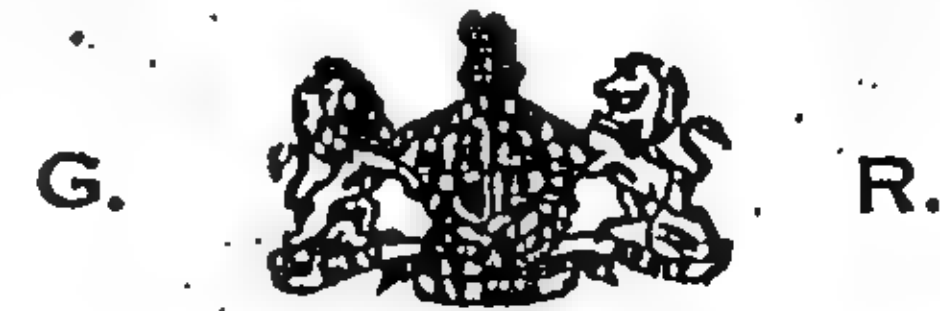
Malta, To-day.

Crowds demonstrated in the streets yesterday singing the Allied National Anthems and shouting "We want rifles, we want conscription."—Reuters.



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The following figures show the Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony for the years 1935 to 1939.

Year	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess of Assets over Liabilities on 31st December
1935	\$28,430,549	\$28,291,636	\$12,387,668
1936	30,042,983	29,513,520	12,917,132
1937	33,196,368	32,111,222	14,002,278
1938	36,735,854	37,175,897	13,562,234
1939	41,478,052	37,949,116	17,091,170

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THE TREASURY,

Hong Kong, 12th June, 1940.

CHINESE BATHING CLUB'S POWERFUL RELAY TEAM

All-Star Medley Line-Up For Saturday

B.W.O.F. TO BENEFIT BY CHINESE GALA

By "Natator"

SWIMMING FANS, who have been eagerly looking forward to fast action, will be treated to a double bill of entertainment at North Point this week-end, when Chinese Bathing Club and South China Athletic Association will hold galas on Saturday and Sunday respectively, both to start at 7.30 p.m.

The former will be staged for the benefit of the British War Organisation Fund and the Society of Friends of the Wounded Chinese Soldiers. Tickets at \$2 each are obtainable at the gate, the gross takings to be given to the above funds.

Deserving causes such as these should have the full support of both the Chinese and European communities, who, I am sure, will come forward in strength on the occasion, and will not go away disappointed.

Featuring three open events, and a water polo game that should be evenly-contested, besides the many other interesting events, Chinese Bathing Club have indeed a well arranged and entertaining programme, and the committee must be congratulated on their choice of events.

ALL-STAR TEAMS

The initial item on the programme will be the 300 metres medley relay race, comprised of the back-stroke, breast-stroke and free-style stroke in that order. This should prove to be the highlight of the evening as the participants are all stars, every one being a champion in his own field, and very close results are expected.

The home team is favoured to take this event, as they have their line-up, Chan Kai-him (back-stroke), Enrique Chan (breast-stroke) and Chan Wing-kai (free-style). Their nearest rivals will be the Lai Tsun Swimming Association, who will probably field Poon Wing-kai, Fong Chung-yue and Chan Chun-nam, and may enter a second team which has not yet been decided upon. The coach assures me that this second team will not be easy to beat, and, judging from his swimmer's standards, I know he will not be far wrong.

Next in order should be Chung Shing, who will probably turn out a team composed of So Tim-mo, Wong Sun-man and Ng Chun-man. South China should also be close at the finish having Shek Kam-pui, Ho Pun-kun and Li Fook-ke representing them.

The 100 metres free-style open to reporters in the Colony should also be a close affair as I hear that the Tsing-tao Press have quite a number of good swimmers, among whom are Lionel Lowe, South China's water polo ace left-winger, who is quite fast in the shorter distances, and Lo Tse-hing, former Chinese representative in the now defunct Far East Olympics.

An item for the fair sex has also been arranged—the 100 metres breast-stroke open to the Colony. Miss Lee Po-luen is favoured to win this event, as she has been practising very hard lately.

The Lai Tsun Swimming Association have some very promising talent, and should provide keen competition.

Among the other seven events, of which four are novelty items, the pillow fight should be the most entertaining, next to the water polo.

FEW ROLL MOMENTS

Chung Shing have not yet announced their line-up for the water polo, but if they field the same team as last year, when they won the Federation Championship, they should have no difficulty in winning again. However, with the absence of Ng Nin, who has gone to Singapore, the two teams will

be more evenly balanced, and dull moments, if any at all occur in the game, will be very few.

Those who have not sent in their entries are reminded that they close to-morrow at 5 p.m. Heats for the events, if necessary, will be swum off on Thursday also. In the past, entries for open events have always been sent in late, with the result that special arrangements have had to be made on the spot to include delinquent teams.

NOVICES CATERED FOR

On Sunday, South China Association will hold their first gala of the season. The programme has been arranged mostly for novices, many of whom will be seen in open competitions for the first time, and it will be interesting to discover what improvement has been made with one month's systematic training. In order that this may be checked from time to time, South China will in future base their programmes on these lines.

The 150 metres, invitation to Chinese teams, medley relay is expected to provide the excitement for the evening. Although the distance is half of the Chinese Bathing Club's Invitation medley, it is almost certain that the winner of the previous evening's race will again win this event.

Three novelty events, as usual, are on the programme; the public will be familiar with the "Mathematical Race" and "Swimming with feet first". The other, which will be called "Riding the Dragon," will be seen for the first time. In brief, it consists of one swimmer doing the back-stroke and another much lighter person sitting astride him. The difficulty in staying afloat in such circumstances will be very great, and I shall be very surprised if two out of the six teams finish the distance of 50 metres.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

On Monday thousands of people flocked to the bathing beaches at North Point and Kennedy Town, where the Eastern Athletic Association and the Chung Shing Benevolent Society celebrated the Dragon Boat Festival with the customary Dragon Boat races. The exhibitions were loudly cheered and were accompanied by the firing of crackers. The gate receipts of Chung Shing have been given to various charities.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

K.B.C.C.

The following have been chosen to represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

First Division (v. H.K.F.C. Home):—T. Armstrong, D. W. Waterton, H. White, and A. J. Hall (skip); G. W. Deacon, J. C. Gill, J. G. Meyer and G. H. Sherriff (skip); W. L. Walker, W. Harrower, A. Hyde Lay, and A. M. Holland (skip).

Second Division (v. C.S.C.C. Home):—E. F. Pope, E. Levett, F. A. Cheesman, and R. Duncan (skip); H. Blomell, L. Sykes, E. V. Searle and H. Lockhart (skip); A. Morton, E. A. Atkins, H. E. Drew and L. Guy (skip).

Third Division (v. H.K.C.C. Away):—E. Searle, S. C. Walker, G. Wallis and H. C. Hamilton (skip); H. Spence, C. E. Langley, P. A. Peckham and L. A. Jordan (skip); R. Wilkinson, G. S. Hammond, W. H. Organ and J. G. Dinnen (skip).

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

OWING to late entries being received the Water Polo Committee decided to redraw the Small Units' Knockout Competition, which is now as follows and not as previously published in this column:—

1ST ROUND	
7th A.A.	v "D" Coy. Middlesex
"C" Royal Scots	v 40th Coy. R.E.
12th Bty. R.A.	v "A" Coy. R. Scots
36th Heavy R.A.	v 30th R.A.
2ND ROUND	
7th A.A. or "D" Coy. Middlesex	v "C" Coy. R. Scots or 40th R.E.
12th Bty. R.A. or "A" Royal Scots	v 36th Heavy or 30th R.A.
R.A.S.C.	v H.K. Signal Coy.
"D" Coy. R. Scots	v 6th Sect. R.A.O.C.
"A" Coy. Middlesex	v 22nd (F) R.E.
"HQ" Middlesex	v "B" Coy. R. Scots
24th Heavy R.A.	v "B" Coy. Middlesex

It will be seen that the favourites, Hong Kong Signal Company, meet Royal Army Service Corps in the Second Round. The Service Corps are considered by many to be the strongest challengers to the Signals.

First Round ties are to be played by Monday and Second Round ties by 1st July.

THE Large Units' Knockout Water Polo Competition draw is as follows:—

1ST ROUND	
12th Hvy. Regt. R.A.	v H.K. Signal Coy.
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	v Middlesex Regt.
Royal Scots	v Royal Engineers
2ND ROUND	
12th Hvy. Regt. or H.K.S.C.	v 8th Hvy. Regt. R.A.

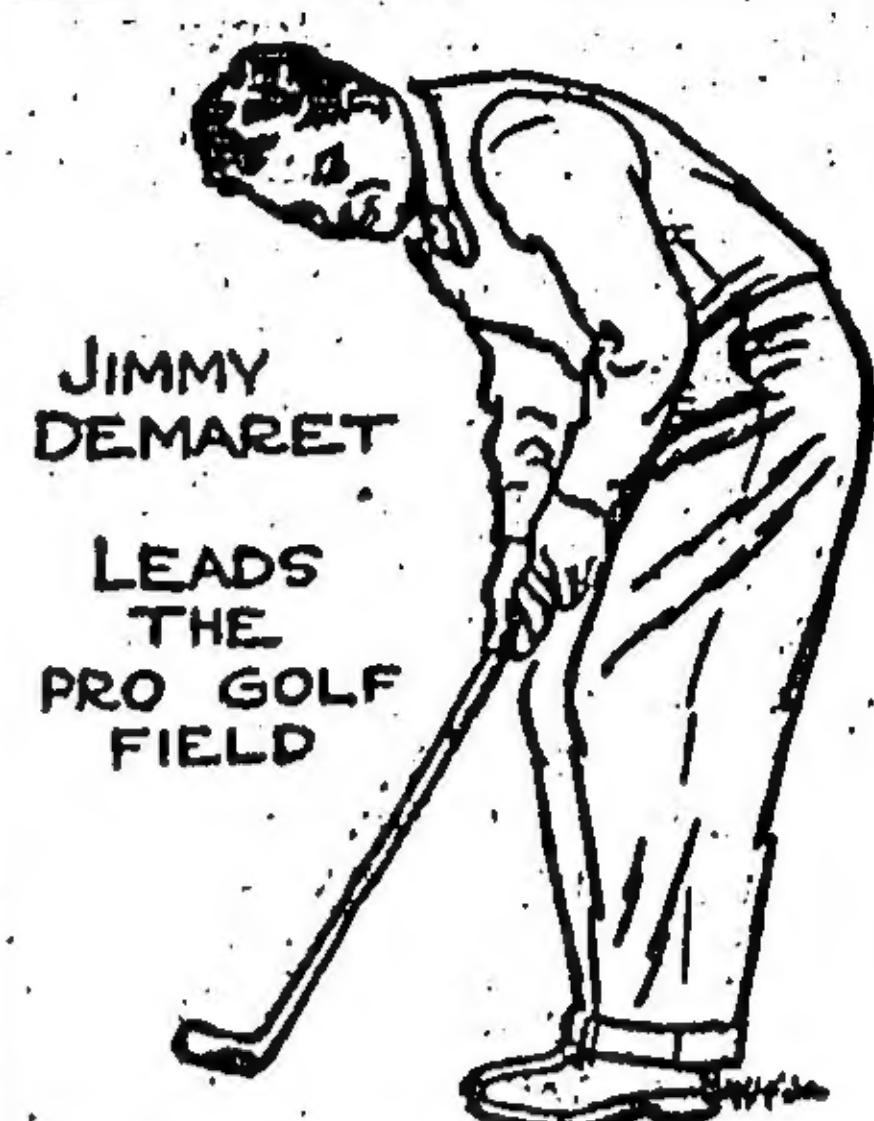
In this competition all First Round ties will be played by July 1. The Royal Scots, who are the favourites for this knockout, are opposed to Royal Engineers, who have not yet been seen at full strength this season.

THE Royal Army Service Corps water polo team was extended for the first time in their match against Y.M.C.A. in the "Y" Pool last week. The Y.M.C.A. put a very strong team into the water—Martin, Benn and Willis;

Y.M.C.A. May, Goldman, Chaytor and Wilson—but they only managed to defeat the Service Corps by 6 goals to 1. The "Y" were the faster swimmers and were quick to capitalise on this point, while the squaddies were very inconsistent in their marking of the "Y" forwards. The Squaddies, many of whom are newcomers to the game, are still not quite clear on some of the rules; this resulted in a few incidents which rather marred an otherwise good game. Reid, played well in goal and had little or no chance with the shots that found their mark. The Service Corps' backs, Fare and Thomas, were not always too steady but they will no doubt improve with practice. Andrews played a good game in the pivotal position and kept the team together well. Richards and Martin played exceptionally well in the forward line, but were well marked and given little chance to reduce the arrears. Grey the other forward tried hard but was far too slow and was consequently continually being robbed of the ball.

THE Sookunpoo Tennis Courts were still unplayable yesterday morning as a result of the recent heavy rains and Army Tennis fixtures still remain at a complete standstill. Royal Army Medical Corps held a Unit Tennis Tournament recently in which Corporal Mussen defeated Corporal Reynolds in the final. The tournament was played on the hard court at Bowen Road.

GRAPHIC GOLF



PLAYS ONE Q HOLE AT A TIME, MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY

GOLF SENSATION BY BEST BALL

Just why Texas should produce a bumper crop of super golfers, while other states struggle along with one or even none at all, is a puzzle. Possibly it is just nature's way of being contrary. Nicknamed the Lone Star State there are at present no less than six star golfers hailing from within its borders. There is Hogan, Guldahl, Cooper, and Demaret, for instance. We'll stop there and take Demaret. No one else has been able to take him for some little time. The golf find of the year, he has already tucked some \$7,500 in prizes away and already shapes up as the favourite for this year's National Open title over the Canterbury Golf Club near Cleveland starting June 6th.

Demaret's game reflects his mature mind; he is twenty-nine. He is no over anxious youngster trying to press his luck at the expense of physical well being. As a matter of fact he takes a philosophical attitude about the game that might become the pattern for to-morrow's golfer. Between shots he relaxes, between tournaments and rounds he does the same thing. Each shot, each hole is played as a complete unit in itself. His game is well rounded and skillful from tee to pin. One of the best liked golfers of to-day he may replace Jones and Hagen in the hearts of the golf fans.

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LEAGUE TENNIS

K. H. IP, DEW AND GROSE IN FORM

AFTER A DELAY of the best part of two weeks, the Tennis League was resumed yesterday with a programme of four "B" Division matches.

Only one fixture was postponed — that between Chinese Recreation Club and Craigengower Cricket Club.

Other results were much as anticipated. At King's Park, Kowloon Cricket Club, without D. J. N. Anderson, were badly beaten by South China, for whom Szeto Bick, an erstwhile senior player, turned out for the first time this season.

Although he was rather erratic at the outset, Szeto played a good game later, his fine interceptions at the net and crisp volley bringing many points. His partner, W. H. Ho, gave him every support and had much to do with the success achieved.

Veteran Dr. Dew was very effective on the soft courts and his heavily sliced forehand strokes were extremely difficult to pick up.

Youthful K. H. Ip, however, was the best player on view. Making all his strokes with delightful freedom, Ip requires only experience to make him really first-class.

For the visitors, Frank Grose was outstanding, being very steady off the ground and reliable in all other departments. Broadbridge also played some nice shots but was apt to fall down at unexpected moments through lack of concentration.

Kowloon Tong were given surprisingly good opposition by I.R.C., the latter securing three sets.

Most impressive home pair were Frank Kwok and Lam Kwan, who only dropped half a point; while K. M. Lee, playing in the absence of Peter Fletcher, gave a promising display.

Army secured their first points in the League at the expense of Hong Kong Cricket Club, who were without T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould, who have been promoted.

Recreio were not really extended by Civil Service in the only other game. Their best pair were M. A. Oliveira and Willie Reed.

K. TONG v I.R.C.

Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Indian Recreation Club by six sets to three, at Kowloon Tong.

Billy Yee and T. E. Ling (K.T.G.C.A.) lost to Omar Rumjahn and I. Kitchell 4-6

drew with A. R. Ismail and Rahmin 6-6

beat Razack and A. R. Kitchell 6-4

Lam Kwan and Frank Kwok (K.T.G.C.A.) beat Rumjahn and Kitchell 6-2

drew with Ismail and Rahmin 6-6

beat Razack and Kitchell 6-0

H. H. Lin and K. M. Lee (K.T.G.C.A.) lost to Rumjahn and Kitchell 2-6

beat Ismail and Rahmin 6-1

beat Razack and Kitchell 6-1

S.C.A.A. v K.C.C.

At King's Park, South China Athletic Association beat Kowloon Cricket Club by seven sets to two.

F. Grose and R. Broadbridge (K.C.C.) beat S. C. Dew and K. H. Ip 6-4

beat W. T. Lee and W. C. Ho 6-4

lost to B. Szeto and W. H. Ho 3-6

G. A. White and N. A. E. Mackay (K.C.C.) lost to Dew and Ip 0-6

lost to Lee and Ho 5-7

lost to Szeto and Ho 1-6

R. S. Capell and E. Eymard (K.C.C.) lost to Dew and Ip 0-6

lost to Lee and Ho 1-6

lost to Szeto and Ho 3-6

C. DE R. v C.S.C.C.

At King's Park, Club de Recreio beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½.

W. A. Reed and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio) drew with I. and B. Agafuroff 6-6

beat W. J. Skinner and C. A. Lucas 6-1

beat D. Hollidge and J. Wardle 6-1

Dr. A. M. Rodrigues and A. E. Xavier (Recreio) lost to I. and B. Agafuroff 2-6

beat Skinner and Lukas 6-1

beat Hollidge and Wardle 6-2

B. T. Gosano and L. A. Carvalho (Recreio) lost to I. and B. Agafuroff 1-6

beat Skinner and Lukas 6-3

beat Hollidge and Wardle 6-1

A.T.C. v H.K.C.C.

Army Tennis Club beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 7½ to 1½ at Sookunpoo.

Col. Smith and Capt. Hyde (Army) beat P. Theobald and A. H. Barwell 7-5

beat G. W. Sewell and Bathurst 6-0



beat Nicholson and N. Spence 6-2
Col. Newham and Capt. Loch (Army) beat Theobald and Barwell 7-5
beat Sewell and Bathurst 6-4
beat Nicholson and Spence 6-3
Capt. Holmes and T. Tomlinson (Army) lost to Theobald and Barwell 3-6
beat Sewell and Bathurst 7-5
drew with Nicholson and Spence 6-6

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Sets
C.C.C.	2	2	0	0	14½	3½	4	
S.C.A.A.	2	2	0	0	13	5	4	
K.T.G.C.A.	2	2	0	0	12½	5½	4	
C.D.R.	3	2	0	1	14	13	4	
C.R.C.	1	1	0	0	7	2	2	
A.T.C.	3	1	0	2	13½	13½	2	
K.C.C.	3	1	0	2	9½	17½	2	
C.S.C.C.	2	0	0	2	5	13	0	
H.K.C.C.	2	0	0	2	4½	13½	0	
I.R.C.	2	0	0	2	5½	12½	0	

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

The following is to-day's "C" Division League tennis programme and some teams:

A.T.C.	v.	H.K.P.S.A.
C.D.R. "A"	v.	H.K.U.T.C.
C.R.C.	v.	C.B.A.
K.T.G.C.A.	v.	C.D.R. "B"
K.I.T.C.	v.	J.R.C.
K.C.C.	v.	S.C.A.A.

A.T.C.—D. Adlam and A. Murray; H. Boocock and A. Martin; J. Emberson and S. J. Duffield.

C.D.R. "A"—G. A. and H. A. Noronha; A. M. Silva and H. M. Gonsalves; A. E. Noronha and J. C. Fonseca.

C.D.R. "B"—M. A. Guterres and R. M. Soares; J. M. Gosano and C. A. Marques; N. A. Beltrao and T. M. S. Rozario.

J.R.C.—A. R. Pollah and M. Talan; H. B. Joseph and W. J. Ciprin; Dr. Rambler and H. Talbot.

C.B.A.—F. Angus and G. H. Fowler; D. T. Smith and J. Sloan; S. A. Fowler and N. Whitley.

K.T.G.C.A.—Percy Chen and D. Chen; Edward Lee and Lawrence Chan; David Kwok and F. K. Yee.

ARMY TENNIS

The Royal Engineers scored a big victory over the 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, by beating the latter team 9 sets to nil, in a Second Division Army League tennis at Sookunpoo yesterday.

At the same time, Royal Corps of Signals received a walk over from the 38th Battery, Royal Artillery in another Second Division League tennis match.

Capt. Mills and Sgt. Coughlin (R.A.) lost to Col. Lam and Capt. Bird 1-6

lost to Q.M.S. Rivett and S/Sgt. Quinzel 5-7

lost to Sgt. Spencer and L/Cpl. Shaw 5-7

Sgt. Simpson and Bdr. Fiddy (R.A.) lost to Lam and Bird 1-6

lost to Rivett and Quinzel 3-6

lost to Spencer and Shaw 2-6

Bdr. Wilson and Bdr. Stevens (R.A.) lost to Lam and Bird 0-6

lost to Rivett and Quinzel 4-6

lost to Spencer and Shaw 0-6

Y.M.C.A. WATER POLO MATCHES

Following players are requested to be present at the European Y.M.C.A. pool at 5.45 this evening when water polo matches against 12th Bty., R.A. (8 p.m.) and R.A.S.C. (8.30 p.m.) will be played.

H. Eardley, J. Berry, L. H. Chater, L. A. Benn, G. T. May, F. A. Weller, G. Arnold, P. Wilson, A. R. Hunt, B. S. Wilson, L. Jacobs and R. Goldman.

The teams will be selected before the commencement of the games.

DISQUALIFICATION RUMOUR DENIED BY MR. PHILLIPS

A rumour that E. Zimmern's rink, which caused the biggest upset in the Open Rinks lawn bowls tourney to date when they beat H. A. Alves' rink, had been disqualified because they had played two substitutes, was denied this morning by Mr. R. P. Phillips, Hon. Secretary of the Lawn Bowls Association, who said that the result will stand.

U. S. BASEBALL

New York, To-day.—The following are the results of matches played in the Major Leagues yesterday.

American League:—Cleveland 2, Boston 9; Detroit 6, New York 1; St. Louis 5, Washington 2.

National League:—Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 1; New York 4, Chicago 0; New York 3, Chicago 1.—Reuter.

EASTERN'S BIG WIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Kuala Lumpur, To-day.

Eastern beat the Champions here yesterday by six goals to two after establishing a big lead of five clear goals at the interval.

Hau Ching-to, (2), Chung Yung-sum, Lee Tak-kee and Cham Kam-hoi (2) scored for Eastern.

Eastern are returning to Singapore to-night where they are to play two more games.

Eastern were represented by the following:—Lau Hin-hon, N. Z. Lee and Ng Kee-cheong; Tse Kam-hung, Hsu King-seng and Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Chang Kam-hoi, Lee Tak-kee, Chau Man-chi and Hau Ching-to.—Our Own Correspondent.

NORONHA AND SILVA HAVE BIG WIN

SEVERAL OF THE FEW remaining games in the First round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship were played yesterday and the biggest win was that of J. E. Noronha and C. G. Silva over A. Bower and G. H. Sherriff —by 31 shots to 9.

The Recreio pair started off with a four and, at the 15th head, at which a five was scored, they were leading by 22 shots to 4. They piled on a further six shots on the next three heads to lead 28-4 before the Bowling Green pair replied with a two and a three. Bower and Sherriff scored on only six heads.

	A. Bower and G. H. Sherriff	J. E. Noronha and C. G. Silva
Head	Shots	Total
1	0	4
2	1	0
3	0	1
4	1	0
5	0	2
6	0	1
7	0	2
8	0	2
9	0	1
10	1	3
11	0	3
12	1	4
13	0	4
14	0	4
15	0	4
16	0	4
17	0	4
18	0	4
19	2	6
20	3	9
21	0	9

Hard Game

L. F. Xavier and R. F. Luz were given a hard game by the Glendinnings and only won by 19-17.

The losers established a commanding leading by the 9th head and were leading by 14 shots to 3. The Recreio pair scored on the next seven heads to take the lead at 16-14.

At the 20th head Recreio pair were leading 19-16 but Glendinnings were only able to score a singleton on the last head.

	W. Glendinning and L. Glendinning	L. F. Xavier and R. F. Luz
Head	Shots	Total
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	2	2
4	1	3
5	2	5
6	3	8
7	3	11
8	1	12
9	2	14
10	0	14
11	0	14
12	0	14
13	0	14
14	0	14
15	0	14
16	0	14
17	1	15
18	0	15
19	1	16
20	0	16
21	1	17



Good Win

E. Levett and R. Duncan did well to beat M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah at the Valley yesterday. The Kowloon pair led throughout the game and at the 10th head were up by 11 shots. The Indians then scored a five and aided by two twos had reduced the lead to 14-12 at the 15th head. Scoring for the remainder of the game was low but the Kowloon pair scored on four of the remaining six heads.

	M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah	E. Levett and R. Duncan
Head	Shots	Total
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	1	1
4	0	1
5	1	2
6	0	2
7	0	2
8	0	2
9	0	2
10	0	2
11	5	7
12	0	7
13	2	9
14	2	11
15	1	12
16	0	12
17	1	13
18	0	13
19	0	13
20	1	14
21	0	14

K.C.C. Pair Through

At Club de Recreio, J. Fraser and E. C. Fincher beat W. Bagley and A. Jillot by 20 shots to 19.

	J. Fraser and E. C. Fincher	W. Bagley and A. Jillot
Head	Shots	Total
1	2	2
2	0	2
3	2	4
4	0	4
5	2	6
6	0	6
7	0	6
8	0	6
9	2	8
10	0	8
11	2	10
12	0	10
13	1	11
14	0	11
15	2	13
16	1	14
17	3	17
18	0	17
19	0	17
20	3	20
21	0	20

CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY IN PACIFIC?

Washington, To-day.

The alarm which has roused the whole nation concerning the necessity of increasing land and air armaments has led a number of prominent publicists to suggest the time is opportune for overtures towards Japan, chiefly in the shape of a new commercial treaty, hoping she will reciprocate with a pledge to observe the status quo in the Pacific.

The suggestions appear to arise from the belief that it may shortly be necessary to move at least part of the Fleet from the Hawaii region.

Efforts by news correspondents during conferences at the White House and the State Department to secure official enlightenment on a possible change in policy so far have been fruitless.

The State Department last week, and the President yesterday, left their hearers with the impression that no change is contemplated or likely.

Embargo Decision

Indeed, there are indications that the Administration will risk further Japanese displeasure by imposing an embargo on shipments of machine-

BULLITT TO STAY IN PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR, MR. WILLIAM BULLITT, AND A LARGE PART OF HIS STAFF ARE STAYING IN PARIS, LEAVING MR. ANTHONY BIDDLE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO POLAND, IN CHARGE OF LIAISON WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AT ITS NEW HEADQUARTERS IN THE LOISE REGION.

Mr. Robert Murphy, First Secretary of the Embassy, is staying in Paris, as well as Commercial Attache Daniel, Military Attache Colonel Horace Fuller and the Naval Attache.

Captain Robert Schow and Capt. J. M. Stirling, military aides to Mr. Bullitt, have followed the French Government in its removal from Paris. —Havas.

U.S. NAVAL STRENGTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The Bill passed by the House of Representatives for the construction of 22 new combat vessels, represents an 11 per cent. increase in the U.S. Navy's surface tonnage. —Havas.

tools and scrap metal to Japan.

The embargo clause has already passed the House of Representatives without challenge or division.

The stand of the Administration is believed to be still that Japanese actions against American interests in China caused the deterioration in relations between the two countries. —Reuter.



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Paris, To-day.

Surrounded by a dense smoke-screen Paris resembles a city under siege. Buildings are closed and windows shuttered and the guarded streets are almost empty. Trains are no longer leaving the city. It appears that more than three-quarters of the suburban population has left. Taxis, crowded with up to 15 people, are seen leaving for the provinces. —Reuter.

It is announced that all Italian subjects in Hong Kong are accounted for. Eleven males were sent to the Internee Camp at La Salle College Annexe. There are now fourteen persons in all in the Camp. The eleven persons interned yesterday constitute all the Italian residents in Hong Kong who are not either members of the Consulate staff or members of a religious order.

Members of various religious orders in the Colony number over 120 males. They have been concentrated into three institutions, over which police guards have been placed.

There are a few Italian priests who are in charge of Roman Catholic churches in Hong Kong and Kowloon. Where these churches are within the two restricted areas the priests in charge have been allowed to remain and carry on their work, but they are not allowed to go outside the restricted area on the side of the harbour in which they are working.

Italian women have been allowed to remain in their own homes, under restriction. Those working in religious institutions and hospitals have also been allowed to remain and carry on their work.

A sub-committee is considering permanent arrangements for the housing and activities of Italian males who are now restricted to the religious institutions under police guard.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

The early declaration of war on Italy by Turkey is expected in the Turkish capital.

The decision is likely to be made at a Council of Ministers to be held to-day.

It is reported that the British Ambassador invoked the Tripartite Alliance between Britain, France and Turkey when he had an interview with the Foreign Minister yesterday. —Havas.

New York, To-day.

The United States Steel Corporation announces that under a deal between the War Department and the United States Steel Export Company, the Allies will get about \$38,000,000 worth of surplus munitions, equipment and ordnance. The Export Company makes no profit in selling the articles forthwith to the Anglo-French Purchasing Commission at the exact cost (determined by the War Department) to the Export Company. —Reuter.

New York, To-day.

Hitler has established his headquarters at St. Quentin, according to Wythe Williams, the well known American correspondent, in a broadcast. —Reuter.

Cairo, To-day.

The destruction of Italian aircraft yesterday by the R.A.F. is stated to have made an appreciable difference in the Italian air strength in the Middle East. —Reuter.

Nairobi, To-day.

It is officially announced that heavy bombers of the South African Air Force visited Italian Moyale (on the Kenya-Ethiopian border) and successfully heavily bombed Banda Hill and other military objectives. All our aircraft returned safely. —Reuter.

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BIRTH

TO Antonia, wife of Mr. Jack Hutton Potts, at the War Memorial Hospital, twins, a son and a daughter, on 11th and 12th June 1940.

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